

Scott Matthews

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Dear Mr. Matthews,

We understand that the Second Church in Newton has been required to apply for a Special Permit, in order for Play2Learn and any similar organizations, either for profit or nonprofit, to rent space at its buildings at 60 Highland Street in West Newton.

We are writing in support of this application because of the meaningful work that Julie Robinson and her team of occupational therapists have done for our daughter and so many like her. The space that Julie has created for Play2Learn in the Second Church is welcoming and calming, which is so important for the mostly neurodivergent client base they serve. It is also clear that Play2Learn fits right in with the Second Church Nursery School in the building, as both the school and the occupational therapy office share a mission of helping children learn and grow.

Our daughter has been working with Julie for over 2 years, and this location is by far the most convenient for our family and so many others. The Second Church offers free and safe parking, well-lit work and play spaces, and a comfortable environment for our children-- who thrive with consistency and are more highly impacted by disruption that something like moving an office would cause.

We strongly urge you to consider approving this Special Permit to allow Play2Learn to stay in the Second Church space.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeffrey and Yael Mito
26 Elsworth Rd, West Newton