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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are healthy, safe, and well.

Further to our previous letter, I am writing with an update for you.

The guidance for nurseries and child care settings was released on Sunday so we are now able to work to finalise our proposed plans for sign off. As you will understand, the safety of children, staff and parents has to be our top priority when planning for any kind of re-opening.

In order for the nursery to operate safely, hygienically and with all appropriate procedures in place, we have taken a number of factors into consideration including the guidance, the space we have available and the staff available. This means we will be able to continue to open for vulnerable children and key worker children as we have been throughout and begin to offer some spaces for some of the children who are due to start school in September only.

The nursery will remain open this week Tues – Thurs for vulnerable and key worker children only and next week Mon 1st- Thurs 4th for the same.

From Monday 8th June we will begin to bring some of our pre-school children back and will be in contact with those parents who told us they would want their child to return to give you more details next week. If we are able to offer more spaces over time, we will keep you updated and let you know.

All children in the nursery will be organised into bubbles with the same staff and we will ensure children and staff in bubbles do not mix or cross rooms, as per the guidance. Some start times and end times will be staggered for some groups and different entrances and exits used to ensure social distancing of parents. These are just some of the measures we are taking. We will, of course let you know more once the plans have been finalised.

The Government has stressed that all of the reopening plans are conditional and will depend on infection rates decreasing and it won't make its final decision on whether settings can definitely reopen until May 28th. May we remind you that if your child has specific health vulnerabilities, or they live with someone who is extremely vulnerable, they should not come to nursery.

We will write to you again next week to share specific arrangements and plans and a member of staff will call you to discuss further. Please do bear with us, I know that many of you will already have lots of questions, but I would ask for your patience and understanding as we continue to work on our plans at this time.

We hope that you and your families continue to stay safe.

Julie Ayrton Mrs A H-Chapman
Nursery Manager Head Teacher

