

Possible extension of opening of nursery to more children in June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We know you will have seen the news that schools may reopen on 1st June to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils **if** the government think's safe then.

It's a very unsettling time for all of us, but rest assured that we are going to be doing everything we can to make sure that we're ready to receive children **if it is safe for our nursery** to reopen in the coming weeks. As you can appreciate an increase in numbers will not look the same for any two settings, as each school is unique.

I want you know that we are creating a detailed Risk Assessment that we'll share with you as soon as possible so you know what the nursery's reopening will look like in practice. I have already spoken with most parents but if you have not had the opportunity yet then please **do** call the nursery. Precautions we will need to be taking include:

- Limiting class size
- Children returning on a part time, rota basis
- No unnecessary visitors coming onto site
- No off-site activities
- Regular hand washing throughout the day
- Keeping children and staff with symptoms of coronavirus at home

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living at home with someone who is in this group (if they have received a shielding letter), they must not come back to nursery and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to nursery. I want to reassure you that we're not going to be pressuring anyone to send their child to nursery.

In the meantime, the nursery is still open only for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We are looking at ways to extend this safely do this and will let parents know when we are able to take more children into this provision.

We'd like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. If your child will remain at home beyond the 1st June, we'll continue to support them with home learning. Please do continue to stay in touch with us to let us know how your child is getting on.

My priority, as always is the health, safety and well-being of the children and staff. Please be mindful that if your child returns to nursery they won't necessarily be taught by their familiar class teacher, in their usual classroom or be at nursery on the same day as their friends. They will not be able to access the range of materials or equipment they usually use as everything will need to be washed thoroughly. The nursery they are returning to, while this virus is still so dangerous, will not be recognisable to the children as the nursery they stopped attending in March. This will take careful preparation and explaining.

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