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Lynne Cooper, Executive Head Teacher

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Dear Friend

RE: Nursery School Opening

The Department for Education (DFE) has updated their guidance regarding the opening of schools and there is an expectation that Maintained Nursery Schools are to open fully for **all** children. Currently we are only open to a small number of children, in the main, the children of our essential workers.

As a large nursery school, opening fully presents us with many challenges as increasing the number of adults and children in the classroom also increases the risk of transmission of Coronavirus (Covid-19).

We are updating our risk assessments this week with the aim of offering more spaces to families from Monday 18th January. However, as we know, the Government guidance can change very quickly and it is possible that it will change again before the end of the week, particularly if cases, hospital admissions and fatalities continue to rise as they have been doing.

Our local hospitals are full of patients suffering from Covid and are close to becoming overwhelmed. The government have advised people to stay at home where possible and we strongly recommend that you stay at home if you can.

A member of staff will be calling you this week to find out if you wish your child to return to nursery from Monday 18th January.

If you decide to remain at home, your child will not lose their place at nursery. We will continue to send home learning ideas and activities if you decide that the best place for your child at the moment is home with you.

We will contact everyone again towards the end of the week to update you on the opening arrangements. Please stay as safe as you can within the guidance.

Yours

Lynne Cooper
Executive Head Teacher.



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