

Wednesday 6th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with the update we promised you yesterday regarding our plans for the wider re-opening of the nursery school. As you know, we have started term today for those children whose parents are key workers or who have a social worker or EHCP.

We will continue with this limited offer both tomorrow (Thursday 7th January) and Friday (8th January) for children whose parents are key workers or who have a social worker or EHCP.

We are working hard to make a workable plan for a wider opening from next week and will let you know of these plans tomorrow.

We are mindful of the government's aim for nurseries to remain open for all children but we need to manage this in a safe way for children, families and staff in this new phase of the pandemic. We have the challenge of operating safely in an open-plan setting with a group of children which will be larger this term. We have a duty of care to each of our practitioners, taking into account each person's age, individual health and family circumstances. Our team has been fantastic throughout this extraordinary time, showing enormous flexibility and commitment so that we could make the best possible offer to children at each different stage. This new climate makes a new and different set of demands on them and it is vital that we have time to find a new workable and sustainable way forward.

I am frustrated that the lack of notice from government means that we are making these plans now, during term time but this is completely out of our control.

We will contact you all again tomorrow by e-mail as soon as we have finalised our plan going forward from next week.

Best Wishes

Helen Ruff
Headteacher