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Dear Parents & Carers,

18/1/21

WIDER OPENING OF NURSERY FOR THOSE CHILDREN NOT ALREADY IN SCHOOL

I am writing to advise you that the guidelines for School Nursery settings have changed and schools have been asked to make places available to **all** Nursery children during this period of school closure.

So that we can continue to meet these guidelines, and also meet the strict safety measures to protect both children and staff in school, we are only able to offer the government funded Nursery provision of 15 hours per week.

The hours offered have been carefully planned by school to ensure we can meet required staffing levels whilst also being able to meet safety requirements. This wider opening will also be continually reviewed, in line with the usual risk assessment cycle.

From Wednesday 20th January, Nursery will be open to all children from 9.00am – 12.00pm. The children will have their lunch in school and there will be some remote learning activities for them to do at home in the afternoons.

Please note: if you access a morning place for your child, we are unable to also give you a Free School Meal voucher, as lunch is part of this provision.

Whilst the offer of a place is available, we ask that you consider carefully the government's guidance that we should stay at home, work from home where possible and keep our community safe through reducing the number of children in school. School is adhering to the safety guidelines stringently in order to provide the safest environment possible but, I feel it is my duty to advise you that, children in Nursery settings are not able to social distance from each other or from staff.

I would also ask that you consider the consequences of this carefully with the understanding that we are in a lockdown and being asked to stay home and social distance from others at all time to help control the spread of Covid. Our remote learning offer will continue to be available for all children in our Nursery.



Please note: if your child is already in school, then this letter does not change the arrangements for your child's school place.

Please can you contact school by 12.00pm on Tuesday 19th January to indicate your decision for your child to:

- Stay at home and continue to be supported with remote learning
- Access a daily school place from 9.00am – 12.00pm

We do need to know your decision by this time, so we can make provision for the wider opening, so please can you let us know either by text, email, phone or Seesaw.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Clancy
Headteacher

