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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the briefing given by the government on the 28th May 2020 and further guidance that we have received since I can confirm that we will be re-opening as planned on Tuesday 2nd June 2020.

From the 2nd June to the 14th June we will be open Tuesday to Friday 7am to 6pm to key worker/vulnerable children and 3 and 4 year olds who we have already spoken to.

Please note our times of opening during this period are subject to the hours needed by those families and may vary according to need.

This has been a very difficult decision to make as the new guidance set out by the government means that if anyone in nursery tests positive for Covid-19 then the whole nursery will have to shut again for 14 days.

However, if we do not re-open then the government can choose to claw back our funding resulting in us shutting permanently.

Please see below the guidance that we will be following:

- Parents/Visitors will not be allowed into nursery, all children will need to be dropped off/collected from the nursery/out of school club entrance door. Two-meter social distancing lines will be in place outside nursery and we ask that you wait patiently whilst children are dropped off/picked up.
- On entry children will be taken to wash their hands and will be encouraged to do so regularly throughout the day.
- Children will not be allowed to bring items/toys from home into nursery.
 Comforters/dummies will be permitted and will be stored individually and serialised/washed regularly.
- The government have asked us to create bubbles of children with staff. Due to the numbers attending and the layout of our nursery our nursery will be our bubble.
- All out of School Club children will be separate from nursery children in the Out of School Club and will not mix with nursery children and initially will operate after school.
- Tables have been moved so that no more than two children will sit at a table at mealtimes and pictures of each child have printed to be placed in the same place each mealtime.

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- Staff will be conducting extra cleaning throughout the day.
- Any child presenting with a Covid-19 symptom's will be moved to a safe space away from other children and parents will be contacted to collect immediately.
- Anyone presenting with symptoms will be asked to request a Covid-19 test. Please speak to
 management for support in requesting this. Please note results must be requested via text
 message as proof positivity/negativity.
- If a child in nursery tests positive for Covid-19 then the whole nursery will shut for 14 days, during this period any further children/staff who present with symptoms should also be tested and isolate for a further 14 days as required if positive.
- If a parent/carer or other family member who has been in contact with your child shows Covid-19 symptoms or tests positive for the virus then your child must isolate at home with the family for 14 days.

Further decisions on opening after the 14th June 2020 will be made closer to the times based around the numbers of children and staffing ability.

As always, we thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

Please stay safe and take care.

Joanne Alvy