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Letter No.3: Wider Reopening

Dear Parents/ Carers

I again thank you for your continued support, kindness and patience during this challenging time.

I write to update you of our progress with regard to the wider opening of our school. Following extensive planning and the use of multiple risk assessment tools, the Senior Leadership Team and I, in partnership with Governors, have mapped out a plan to move us forward for the remaining few weeks of this school term.

We have jointly concluded that we are able to support two groups of children (often called 'bubbles') that we are able to fully separate from one another, as per the Department of Education requirements during this period of the pandemic. We are taking this responsibility very seriously and are effectively splitting our teams into smaller working groups, with their own work spaces, staff rooms, toilets and entrances to the building. Unlike older children and adults, it is not an expectation that children of nursery age stay 2 metres apart, as this would not be possible and could prove damaging to their well-being. We are however, expected to have no more than 16 children in a single bubble.

As we would normally see more than 250 children on our site over the course of a week, I am sure you can appreciate that most children will not be able to return to nursery this academic year. This brings us all great sadness but is beyond our control.

All of our additional spaces have now been allocated, according to the identified government priorities. Those of you that have expressed an interest in your child returning but have not been allocated a space to date, will remain on our waiting lists and we will contact you should a place within one of the bubbles become available.

We will remain connected to all families that are not accessing site via our regular telephone calls and continue to provide online resources and activities in the way that we have been doing throughout this period of time.

Yours Faithfully

David Aldworth
Executive Head Teacher