

Parent Letter - 20th March 2020

Novel Coronavirus



The Government has clarified that schools and nurseries will be closed from today, Friday 20th March 2020. We will open on Monday ONLY for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children.

IF YOU DO NOT MEET ANY OF THE CATEGORIES LISTED AS CRITICAL OR VULNERABLE PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND NURSERY ON MONDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

The guidance below explains what you need to know about whether you fit one of these categories. Please read this carefully if you believe you belong in one of the critical workers groups:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Please be aware that we are following Government guidance and are as new to this as you are. We know we need to do all that we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

That is why the government has given clear **guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing**. The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible.

It is important to underline that nurseries remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to nursery, and the fewer children in settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

Please be aware that if you do attend the nursery we will be following the same protocols regarding self isolation and household isolation if you have any signs or symptoms of the virus.

NEXT STEPS: If you believe you fit into one of the critical worker groups listed in the guidance above then please contact your nursery VIA EMAIL where possible to tell us the category you fall under and whether you require emergency childcare next week. PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH US.