



Garretts Green Nursery School and Enhanced Provision

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SCHOOL WILL NOT BEGIN TO RE-OPEN ON 1ST JUNE

Good evening everyone, I hope that you are all safe and well. We are missing the children dearly. Thank you for your responses to the online Survey Monkey. Staff will be on half term next week and therefore responses may be limited on Tapestry.

We believe it is important to be open and transparent with you all about where we currently are at the moment, and it is for this reason that I want to share with you our initial thoughts following the recent Government announcements regarding the planned phased return to school should the rate of infection continue to decline.

Our priority, as always, has to be the safety of children, families and staff and as I am sure you will appreciate this is made more difficult by the many unknowns and uncertainties that still exist around the Covid-19 virus.

Since the announcement, we have been working to implement the latest Government guidance by, considering the physical space we have for this increased number of pupils and the staffing that we have available. A detailed Risk Assessment form arrived on the late afternoon of Monday 18th May and has been updated daily and this is the basis on which we plan to re-open Garretts Green Nursery School in the safest way that we can.

Although we have been working to full capacity to ensure that the school is safe for reopening, there is still much work to do and this will take some time for the leadership team and whole school staff. This includes sourcing essential items such as soap, hand gel and Personal Protective Equipment. Governors will be re assessing the situation every two weeks and following government guidelines.

At this current time, from our initial risk assessments, we are NOT ABLE TO SAFELY begin to reopen Garretts Green Nursery School and Enhanced Provision from June 1st.

We will however aim be open from 8th June for keyworkers and vulnerable children. If you are a key worker and have no other childcare or are unable to work from home, please email myself on c.henebury@garretts.bham.sch.uk.

I know this isn't the outcome that we all would have hoped for, but we must ensure the safety of the children, families and staff. This is a world pandemic that we have so much to learn about.

To give you all some reassurance, Tapestry will continue to be up dated with ideas and the staff will continue to make comments. Please carry on updating Tapestry with all your observations, it really is lovely for the staff to be able to communicate with the children and at the end of the year you will receive a CD with all your child's observations, this will be something for the COVID memory box!

Fortnightly phone calls will continue but I can't guarantee it will be from your child's key worker but were possible we will try our best. I know from feedback from staff that parents are concerned about their child not seeing their friends again, we will when it is safe to do so hold a reunion for us all to come together again.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via the email address above if you have any questions. We will continue to keep you updated as we find more information.

Many thanks,

Claire