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Dear Parent/Carer

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Further Covid-19 Advice

We understand that the current situation is very unsettling for people and we are working hard to prepare for a potential Centre closure.

The situation is very fluid and advice is being updated regularly, hence the number of letters and texts you are receiving.

We have a number of families and staff currently self-isolating and would like to thank everyone for updating us about the symptoms being suffered and the reasons for absence.

Following the Government's announcement last night if anyone in your family displays the symptoms then everyone in your household must self-isolate for 14 days.

Even if the symptoms reduce or disappear during the 14 day period, you must complete the self-isolation in full.

We understand that self-isolating may make you feel anxious, alone or vulnerable. If you are struggling and feel you need support, please feel free to contact us as we can signpost you to agencies that can help.

We continue to follow the advice from the Department for Education to ensure we are operating in line with the Covid-19 guidance and are protecting children, staff, parents and visitors to the Centre.

Should the Government or Public Health England make the decision that Education and Day care Settings must close, work and suggested activities to do with your children will be made available.

We are currently working to produce these in readiness and appreciate both your understanding and support in light of the difficult times being faced by all. Please remember there is an NHS 111 online coronavirus service available here: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/> and the current request is for people to only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

We have adapted snack and meal times to further eliminate the risk of cross-contamination.

Please see below the changes we have made in the Centre below:

Nursery

We have taken the decision today to close our Meadowside building in Nursery. All the children will be in Hillside from today. This is due to reduced numbers of staff and children across the Centre. If we move to one building it also helps us with our enhanced cleaning programme at this time. Parents with children in Sun room and Star room will need to pick up and drop off in Hillside Hall from today.

Waterside Daycare

We will be closing rooms when numbers of children allow. For instance today the children due to go up to Dragonflies from Butterflies are in Dragonflies and Ladybird children are in Butterflies. We anticipate this becoming the norm for the foreseeable future.

Due to shortages of essential items we have had to buy alternative nappies and wipes so if your child has any issues with certain brands please let us know. You are welcome to provide your own nappies if you prefer.

The shortages may also affect our menu going forward. Our new cook Lucy Hutchings started on Monday she is an experienced Daycare cook having worked previously in a Daycare Setting and she is working hard to provide healthy balanced meals with the ingredients we have available. I hope you can understand that we are working in unprecedented times and the extra pressure on all our staff is great at this time.

Hoping you all stay safe and well, we will continue to update you as we receive information.

Yours sincerely



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