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Dear parents/ carers,

### COVID-19 Week 10 Final update



From Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June we are expected to re-open for all the children who expressed interest in attending the centre. All parents and carers have been sent a detailed Risk Assessment together with the protective measures that will be implemented in the centre once we re-open. I have attached an additional risk assessment, following the incident that took place last week. These documents will hopefully help you to decide whether to send your child to the centre or not.

If you decide for your child to return to the centre, it is **crucial** that you prepare them BEFORE they come in on Tuesday. Please use the social stories that were sent to you in last weeks update. I am attaching an additional social story explaining PPE (personal protective equipment).

**Anxiety** is described as 'an over-estimation of threat and danger or an underestimation of one's own ability to cope'. Anxiety in children can prevent them from enjoying everyday experiences and become crippling and exhausting. The Coronavirus is impacting children's emotional well-being in many ways. It is important to recognise some of the signs that children might be experiencing anxiety; these include emotional, behavioural and physical responses. If you would like more information or support around your

child's anxiety or other SEND needs, please let us know and we will offer you the support through our SENDCO or Early Years SEND Advisory Team. Some children may have experienced bereavement within their family or wider family circle. You can access more information and support from the following:

<https://www.nationalbereavementpartnership.org/>

**Our topic for this week and the next is Oceans.** Please find attached some ideas for Home Learning, Ocean songs as well as the Planning information. We will continue to update the posts on our Facebook as well as the website. Apologies for last week; we experienced some technical difficulties so were unable to post on a number of occasions. You can also find learning resources and activities for children on the BFFC website at: <https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/coronavirus-covid-19-update/>

We will continue with **home learning**, sending you the planning for all areas of EYFS as well as the ideas you can do at home with your child. The posts can be found on our Facebook page as well as our website. We would appreciate it if you could continue uploading your videos on Tapestry which will enable staff to set the next steps for your child to work on.

We will continue to make **weekly calls** to those families whose children are not returning to the centre. These may be done by different staff than your key workers.

For those **children who are leaving in July**, the transition process has already started and the primary schools have been in touch with us to ensure that we can discuss children's individual needs and ensure smooth transition. We will let you know more about our 'graduation ceremony' once we have made a decision how this can be best organised.

I can fully appreciate the enormous decision parents and carers are making in deciding whether to send their child back to Norcot. If you are struggling, need any support or would like to discuss the measures that have been put in place once we re-open, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Lisa or Helen. We are always here to help and guide you through these challenging times.

Look after yourself and keep safe.

Yours sincerely



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