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Dear parents/ carers,

It has been so lovely to see the children and the families back at the centre. The children have grown and matured so much! It was such a joy to chat to them and hear their laughter again.

I know you all had to make a hard decision about whether to send your child back to the centre. Whatever decision you made, it was the right decision for you and your family.

The governors, the Senior Management Team (SMT) and I deliberated long and hard as to whether we should re-open the centre on 2nd June. Every day there was conflicting advice and new data published. We were largely left to make our own decisions. DfE published guidance for re-opening Early Years settings only a week before re-opening! The timings were extremely challenging, but with the support of the SMT, staff and governing body we feel that we have made the right decision. We have worked extremely hard on our Risk Assessments, Health and Safety audits and protective measures to reduce the risk and keep the children, staff and families safe.

Last week, our first week back after 10 weeks, was extremely successful. It could not have gone better. The hard work in planning paid off. We were all very anxious and worried about the return. For those children who have remained in the lovely, nurturing and safe home environment, please be assured that we will continue to be in touch with you with our weekly calls. We will also continue with our Home learning on Facebook and our website.

I would like to thank all the parents/ carers for complying with the new measures that we have been put in place. You all remembered the different times and specific locations for drop offs and collections and have remained on the 2 metre points that have been marked on the ground. There was no congregating at the gates and everyone remembered not to enter the buildings. We greatly appreciate your co-operation.

Children have adapted to the new situation remarkably well; the vast majority have coped with all the changes that each day has brought. The centre is very different and far from normal. Your children are little heroes and are a credit to you all.

My enormous thanks goes to all the staff for their extraordinary efforts in ensuring the safety of all the children. It has been hugely challenging for them, but they were determined to make it work. I am very grateful to them all.

Yours sincerely

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