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Dear parents/ carers,

It has been now 6 weeks since we started to welcome more children into our Centre. We are amazed how the children have adapted to all the measures that we have put in place. The children have thrived in their new bubbles. Some of the children have blossomed in this small environment and have become much more confident. This is largely due to the amazing support from all the staff; I really do appreciate everything they do for the children. Thank you to you all for continuing to bring your child to the Centre at the allocated time and place and for understanding the need to keep your child at home when they show any signs of COVID-19.

We are continuing to regularly update our health and safety risk assessment as part of the planning for the return of all children, extending our opening hours and restarting wraparound care. We will continue to implement the appropriate recommended measures to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. These measures make up a 'system of controls', building on the hierarchy of protective measures that have been in use throughout the COVID-19 outbreak. We are keeping the protective measures under review, in line with the guidance set out by Public Health and the latest scientific advice.

From 20th July, early years settings will no longer be required to keep children in small, consistent bubbles within their setting. As the nursery finishes on 21st July, we will continue with the current bubbles until the end of the term. In day care, from 22nd July, we are planning to merge the bubbles within the Meadowside building and also the bubbles in Waterside building. The holiday club will also restart; this will be for a small number of children whose parents have requested the provision. From 27th July the opening hours for day care will be extended until 6pm. From September, all day care children will be back in Waterside building and all nursery children back in Meadowside and Hillside building, attending their normal hours including wraparound care. Please find attached Term Dates for 2020/2021.

The following protective measures will continue to remain in the Centre to ensure that we minimise the transmission of COVID-19;

- Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend the Centre
- Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual - ensuring everyone at the Centre cleans their hands more often than usual, including when they arrive and when they return from breaks, and before and after eating. This can be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser (staff, visitors)
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- Continue enhanced cleaning of frequently touched surfaces using suitable detergents.

- Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment , for example where an individual child becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms, where a child requires routine intimate care needs or where a child requires first aid.
- Managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Centre, in line with current public health guidance - this means your child may be asked to self-isolate for 14 days by the Centre (based on advice from our local health protection teams) if they have been in close, face-to-face contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus.

Parents and carers can support this by:

If your child is unwell and is showing any symptoms of COVID-19 - a new persistent cough, a temperature of 37.6 degrees or experience a loss of smell - please ensure that you self-isolate and arrange for a test by post or visit your nearest testing centre.

- ensuring that if anyone in your household who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, you should not send your child to the Centre.
- engaging with the NHS Test and Trace process so that cases can be identified and action taken - this means if your child develops symptoms, you should arrange for them to get a test and you should inform the Centre of the results of that test.

It is really important that you help the Centre to implement these measures by following this advice as well as the wider public health advice and guidance.

Once the Centre fully reopens on the 27th July, we will no longer continue with Home learning or make weekly calls to those parents whose children do not attend the Centre. Please find attached our final topic, 'Child Safety and Transition to School' for the next week together with other home learning ideas.

For those children who are leaving the Centre, you will be emailed a Tapestry link for your child which you can then download the file. If you are experiencing difficulties downloading this file, please let us know and we will send you a PDF document. Please ensure that you do not post anything on Tapestry after 12th July if your child is leaving the nursery.

Thank you to all those parents who have emailed me a photo of their child holding their leavers certificate. Once we have created the video, it will be sent to you via email. Please ensure that you do not share this graduation video on any social media networking sites.

As always, I really appreciate your continued support. My enormous thanks goes to all the staff for their efforts in keeping all the children safe and happy. It has been hugely challenging for us all and I am grateful to everyone.

Yours sincerely

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