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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome

It has been wonderful to welcome back our existing children as well as our new children into our Centre. We are amazed how well the children have adapted to all the protective measures that we have put in place. This is largely due to the amazing support from all the staff, I really do appreciate everything they do for the children. The hard work in planning behind the scenes has paid off as everything in the centre is running smoothly. It is so wonderful to have the centre buzzing again, with everyone adhering to the measures implemented. Staff are ensuring that the experiences that the children have are as pleasurable and as pleasant as is possible in the current situation.

Thank you to you, all the parents for continuing to bring your child to the Centre to the allocated entrances and for understanding the need to keep to 2 metres social distancing. I am really grateful for your patience in waiting on the white spots in the line while waiting to drop off or pick up your child. Please continue to ensure that only one adult from the household comes to the centre.

We are continuing 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 government guidance, guidance set out by Public Health and the latest scientific advice and update risk assessments accordingly.

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 (COVID-19) symptoms, or who has someone in their household who does, **do not attend the Centre**. **The symptoms of COVID-19; a new persistent cough, a temperature of 37.8 degrees or**

experiencing a loss or change to smell or taste. If your child is displaying symptoms please arrange for a test by post or visit your nearest testing centre. If you are struggling to arrange for a test for your child, please contact the centre by the phone and we will be able to help you. **You must inform the Head of Centre as soon as you have received the result whether this is positive or negative.** Your child and household must remain in self isolation until you have the test results, if these are negative then you can all return to normal if you are well, if they are positive then the child must remain in self isolation for 10 days from the start of symptoms, all other household members must remain in self isolation for 14 days from the start of the child's symptoms. If you receive an "unclear, void, borderline or inconclusive test result", you must continue self isolation and book another test.

- Cleaning 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 is done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser (staff, visitors)
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- Continuing enhanced cleaning of frequently touched surfaces using suitable detergents.
- Where necessary, wearing appropriate personal protective equipment, for example if a child becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms, when a child requires routine intimate care needs or if 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.
- Engaging with the NHS Test and Trace process so that cases can be identified and action taken -. It is really important that you help the Centre by following the advice as well as the wider public health advice and guidance.

I really appreciate your co-operation during this challenging time. Although there is a lot of information in this message, we hope it provides some degree of clarity. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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