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Dear Parents/Carers,

Full Re-opening of the Centre

Norcot Early Years Centre Governing Body met this morning and agreed to fully re-open the whole Centre from the week beginning Monday 22nd February 2021. After reviewing our Risk Assessment for the full re-opening of the Centre and adding additional measures such as the regular bi-weekly testing of staff, we believe that we are in the position to welcome back all the children. We are also aware that the local infection is decreasing.

We understand that some parents feel apprehensive about their child returning to the Centre once all the children are in. It is, of course, parents' choice to send their child in or not and we completely understand if you feel anxious or worried. If you would like your child to attend reduced hours or not to attend at all until further notice, please email admin@norcot.reading.sch.uk.

We have started testing our staff using the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) this week and we are pleased to confirm that all the staff who took their test came back negative. The staff will be taking the LFD test twice a week as well as continuing to implement protective measures outlined in our risk assessment.

Our day-care will be open from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm and all the children will be able to attend their agreed hours. All day-care children will be based in Waterside.

Nursery will be open from 8.30 am to 3.30 pm and all the children will be able to attend their agreed hours. The nursery children will be based in the Meadowside and Hillside buildings. We are unable to offer wraparound care such as breakfast, snack and tea club as mixing the children and the staff across all three buildings would dramatically increase the risk of infection. We regularly review our risk assessment and as soon as it is safe, we will restart the wraparound provision.

Next week, we will send an additional letter outlining details of the operational aspects of the full re-opening of the Centre.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.
Thank you for your continuous understanding during this challenging time. We really appreciate it.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Katarina Bingham
Head of Centre