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Dear Parents/Carers,

Update on provision from 8th March 2021

It has been wonderful to welcome back our existing children as well as our new children into our Centre last week. 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 pleasant as is possible in the current situation.

Thank you to you all as Parents/Carers 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 and you wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth, can we please also to remind you to continue to close the gates behind you and not to park on the yellow lines, across neighbours driveways or in front of the electronic blue vehicle entrance gates.

The cases are steadily decreasing nationally as well as locally, staff being tested twice a week as well as a number of staff receiving the vaccination is making the centre safer with each day. On 22nd February 2021, the government has published the 13th iteration of 'actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak' guidance. **In line with the guidance, from 8th March 2021, the small groups within the building will merge and we will continue with our usual arrangements within individual buildings.** The breakfast club will also

restart but unfortunately we are unable to offer snack club/ tea club as the mixing of the children/ staff across three building continues to be a very high risk at this stage. If the cases continue to decrease, we hope that after Easter we will be in the position to offer full wraparound care.

The Centre will continue to implement recommended measures to the fullest to create a safe environment for children and staff where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced. These measures make up a 'system of controls' outlined in the above guidance, 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. **Please find attached the Risk Assessment detailing the measures, the latest changes are highlighted in yellow.**

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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