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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week, the government announced a delay to the lifting of the final lockdown restrictions to help to stop the spread of the virus and the new Delta variant.

The hope is that the lockdown will now be lifted on **July 19th** with step 3 rules remaining in place until then. If you are unsure what the current restrictions are, you can find them all here:

<http://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-do-and-cannot-do>

For our community, little will change at Norcot in terms of our plans and operation for the rest of this academic year. We will carry on as planned until summer, but we are having to reconsider some of our end of term events carefully to ensure that we can continue to run them safely for children, parents/carers and staff.

Thank you to all the parents/carers, staff and families for your support with regular **Lateral Flow Test** (LFT) testing, we really appreciate it. The LFT are only used if there are **NO** symptoms present. Please ensure that if you, your child or a member of your family show any COVID-19 symptoms, you must book a **PCR test** and the whole household should isolate until either a negative result is given in which you can all go back to your daily routines or if this is positive you must all isolate for 10 days. Public Health England are recommending that close contacts of PCR positive confirmed cases are offered a PCR test through NHS Test and Trace to improve case finding and reduce the risk of further transmission. If any siblings are in self-isolation due to closure of classes due to COVID, please ensure that they do not accompany you when dropping off/ picking up your child at the Centre.

These are all helpful reminders that we must not get complacent in this final stage of restrictions. We really appreciate you wearing your face masks, unless exempt. Please continue sanitising and washing hands regularly and ensuring social distancing where possible. We also appreciate you not arriving early to sessions and congregating in the car park area. All these measures are simple to achieve and if we all do them, it makes a difference to our community.

Please can we remind you that children should not be on scooters/bikes or be running around the car park area as there have been several accidents of children falling over. It is the parents/ carers responsibility to supervise your children at drop off and pick up times and encourage them not to take part in these activities.

Children who are leaving for Primary Schools in September

Due to COVID-19 and the measures that we have put in place in our risk assessment, we are unable to accommodate all the transition visits by the Primary school staff in person. The majority of the **transition meetings** are organised via Teams/ Zoom or over a phone call between nursery staff and the primary school staff. If we feel the visit is absolutely necessary, we ensure that the COVID safety measures are discussed before any visit is agreed. These are outlined in our Risk Assessment which can be found on our website www.norcotearlyyearscentre.co.uk

Staff are very busy writing individual children's **End of Year Reports** which will be emailed to you over the week or so. We would really appreciate it if you could write any comments and email the reports back to us. Once completed, the reports will be sent to your child's individual primary schools.

Our **Graduation Ceremony** will take place on Friday 16th July. The children will receive Leavers certificate and the staff will take individual children's photos which will then be uploaded on Tapestry. Unfortunately we are unable to invite parent/carers/families to our graduations due to current COVID restrictions.

Tapestry, which holds a record of your child's learning journey at Norcot, will be emailed to you in PDF format by Friday 23rd July.

Progress Meetings for those children who are returning in September

Progress meetings are a very important event. They provide an opportunity for us to work together in partnership to help your child progress. They give the opportunity to talk to your child's key worker, to discuss your child's Learning Journal/Tapestry and progress they have made together with next steps. You can also discuss any concerns that you may have and share any wow moments in your child's life.

The progress meeting will take place over the phone and will be organised for those children who are not leaving us for the primary school. The key worker will make a 10 minutes phone call to you in the allocated time below. Please ensure that we have your updated and correct contact number.

Date	Time	Key Worker
Monday 5 th July 2021	8.30 – 3.30	Acorn Room
Tuesday 6 th July 2021	8.30 – 11.30	Alison
Tuesday 6 th July 2021	12.30 – 3.30	Gloria
Wednesday 7 th July 2021	8.30 – 11.30	Claire
Wednesday 7 th July 2021	12.30 – 3.30	Megan
Thursday 8 th July 2021	8.30 – 11.30	Rukni
Thursday 8 th July 2021	8.30 – 11.30	Amber
Friday 9 th July 2021	8.30 – 11.30	Emma
Friday 9 th July 2021	12.30 – 3.30	Lian
Friday 9 th July 2021	12.30 – 3.30	Jess
Friday 9 th July 2021	8.30 – 11.30	Nadia

Before the end of term we will be sending all parents/ carers an electronic **parent's questionnaire** about the Centre. We would be grateful if you could complete this by the requested date as your views and comments are important to us to support future developments within the Centre.

On Wednesday 30th June children will be taking part in **sports day**. They are welcome to come in their sports clothes. Again, unfortunately we are unable to welcome parents/carers and families due to COVID restrictions.

Our **end of term parties** will be on Tuesday 20th July, lists will be put outside for you to sign up and bring in donations of food. Unfortunately we can only accept packaged, shop brought food which staff will prepare due to COVID.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation, we really appreciate it. Please feel free to contact us for any help and support you might need.

Yours sincerely,



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