



19th January 2021

Dear Nursery parents /carers

'A number of **parents have chosen not to send their child to nursery** which we are supportive of, as during a period of national lockdown in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within the community, this would assist with reducing the number of contacts that all of us have with people in other households and would be in line with arrangements in place for the rest of the school.

Safety of our families and staff is our key priority

Our school nursery is open however due to COVID related operational reasons the school may have to temporarily reduce the number of places available in the school nursery to those who require a place. During these periods of a temporary reduction in numbers, we will offer as many places as our risk assessment has established it is safe to. Parents who would like to continue to send their child to nursery will be offered places on the following priority basis, up to the maximum number of places that we can safely provide:

1. Those children who meet the Government's vulnerable criteria
2. Children whose parent/carer meets the Government's critical worker criteria
3. Children who do not meet the vulnerable or critical worker criteria

Our school's risk assessment will be reviewed on a regular basis, in line with Government's COVID-19 guidelines and our ability to safely offer places, and we will make more places available to those parents who require a place when our risk-assessments indicate it is safe to do so.

We have established a robust remote learning offer to all children who are not able to attend the nursery provision. We are committed to providing on-going support to children and their families during this time and Early Years staff are available to address any issues or concerns regarding children's learning and development or wellbeing.

During periods where numbers are temporarily reduced, parents/carers are able to request that their child be taken off the school roll to enable them to take up their place at an alternative provision, should they wish to do so.

We ask for your understanding and cooperation in these challenging times.
If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office.

Many thanks

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