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Let us love one another,
because love comes from
God and knows God.
1 John 4:7

Your heart will become
wise. Your mind will delight
in knowledge.
Proverbs 2:10

I have come so that they
may have life and have it to
the full.
John 10:10

18th May 2020

Dear Parents

Such a surreal time! I hope that you are all keeping well. I am writing to you to inform you of the arrangements in place to enable us to provide some nursery sessions for your child from June 1st 2020.

As you will know, the Government has published its recovery strategy which included DfE guidance on plans to re-open schools in a **phased** way from 1st June 2020.

It has suggested a *phased* return to early year's settings, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in smaller class sizes. It has produced guidance which details the rationale for the year groups which have been prioritised, the latest science and how to manage the risk and rate of transmission of COVID19.

Schools will only begin to re-open if the five key tests set by government justify the changes at the time.

Protective measures that need to be implemented in order to manage the phased opening, have also been provided. The guidance states that every setting should:

- Carry out a risk assessment before opening
- Undertake increased cleaning
- Reduce 'pinch points' (such as parents dropping children off at the start and end of day)
- Utilise outdoor space
- Implement smaller group and class sizes - the basic principle is that classes should be halved
- Testing will be available for pupils and their families.

We have considered the information provided and have put together a plan to ensure that the safety guidelines are fully in place should confirmation be given for us to begin to re-open to children. We can only reopen to children if we are satisfied that it is safe to do so and with the support of all teachers.

In order to open the nursery as safely as possible and to enable us to implement the Government guidelines, we need to restrict nursery places to 16 places (4 groups of 4). Miss Nkwo has spoken to all parents and the demand for a place is high. We are **unable** to offer all parents places initially and therefore we have decided to prioritise by the following criteria. We will hold a waiting list and contact parents if places become available.

- Children defined as Vulnerable
- Children who will be continuing in Christ Church nursery in September
- Children who will be attending Christ Church Reception class in September
- Children attending other schools in September
- Children who are attending another nursery or playgroup.

The nursery will be housed in the bungalow during this time and Miss Nkwo will be leading the learning with a teaching assistant.

Your child will be allocated two sessions a week and will be in the same group of children each session.

If you do not wish to take up the offer of your place, please let us know as soon as possible as we will then be able to allocate it to another child.

We know that the safety of your children is paramount and we have put together questions that we are sure you will want to know the answers to. We are available should you need more clarification or detail. Please phone the school office. The nursery sessions will be nothing like the usual experience, nor will they be what the children are expecting initially. We aim for the sessions to be an enjoyable experience, enabling a small group of children to interact with one another and carry out fun activities which will aid in their development led by experienced staff they know well.

Useful Questions you may have

How have you ensured effective infection protection and control?

- Where possible, we will minimize contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or someone in their household who does, does not attend school. **We ask all parents to send your child only if you are confident that s/he is well.**
- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands more often than usual. There will be wash stations available in the bungalow with soap and paper towels. Children will wash their hands on arrival and regularly during the session.
- Children will be encouraged to use good respiratory hygiene - "catch it, bin it, kill it". The room will have a tissue bin, in addition to the normal bin which will be regularly emptied through the day.
- Signs will be displayed indicating safe practice.
- All chairs and tables will be named for individuals.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned regularly.
- Children's equipment will be cleaned at the end of each session. All unnecessary equipment and toys etc. will be unavailable in order to ensure effective cleaning.
- Cleaning will take place at the end of each session and a deep clean on a Friday.
- We will minimize contact between children and staff as much as possible.

Will children need to wear PPE?

This is not recommended for children. In fact we have been told that children are **not** to wear face masks in school. Staff will wear protection when dealing with children requiring close, direct care.

Will my child be in a class of 26?

No. The maximum group size is **4**. Your child will be in the same group of children at all times and there will be no opportunities for other groups to meet. They will remain in the bungalow and its garden. The group will be taught by a teacher.

Is the bungalow suitable for the Nursery sessions?

Yes. The bungalow has a kitchen, toilet and outside garden. It has been deep cleaned, during this time, in preparation, and set up by the staff using equipment from the nursery classroom. It has its own entrance and access to the garden. It has internet access and a telephone.

There are three rooms that the children can access. The outside patio doors will be open throughout the session.

Is there a protocol for drop off and pick up times?

Yes. Where possible please walk or cycle to school. Only one parent can accompany children to nursery. It is important that children arrive and are collected promptly. The access to the bungalow is via the main gate.

Parents must not gather at our entrance gates or enter the building (unless they have a pre-arranged appointment). The office will be closed to visitors, parents can make contact via telephone or email.

Will the rooms be cleaned regularly?

The rooms will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each session. Bins for tissues will be emptied regularly. There will be no nursery on Fridays so that the room can be deep cleaned in preparation for Monday.

Will there be shared areas in use?

No shared areas will be in use. The children will stay in the nursery area at all times.

How do I prepare my child to come to nursery?

It is really difficult for young children to understand social distancing. However, please talk to your child before they arrive about keeping a safe distance from one another. This includes when they meet each other, no hugging, running up close to one another etc. This is going to be impossible for them to do, but the reduced numbers will increase their safety.

What will my child need to bring?

We will be encouraging the group to do lots of outside play and activities so please make sure they are wearing appropriate clothing to be outdoors.

Will my child need a school lunch?

The sessions will not include lunch but the children will be offered a piece of fruit and drink during their session.

What happens if my child wants to be in a different group?

Unfortunately there is no flexibility with groupings initially as the priority is safety.

What happens if a child becomes unwell whilst at school?

Children who are unwell will be moved to a room whilst they are waiting to be collected. They will be advised to self-isolate for 7 days. If they develop symptoms of COVID19, household members should isolate for 14 days. There will be access to testing for all children and families if symptoms are displayed, via 111.

If there is a confirmed case of coronavirus the class group will be advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

If I don't accept the nursery place, will I be able to send my child at a later date

Unfortunately this will not be possible as we want to restrict numbers. However, if you do change your mind, please contact Mrs Print and we can discuss this with you.

If I don't send my child to nursery will there still be Home learning provided?

Unfortunately Miss Nkwo cannot be expected to teach and plan for two classes- home and school. Therefore there will be no daily personalised learning for home but she will signpost parents to pre-prepared lessons at the beginning of each week.

What days will my child attend school?

Your child will attend 2 sessions a week, with Friday closed for cleaning and staff planning.

What if my child is late?

Please ensure your child is on time every day as the gates will be locked and they will be **unable** to join the class if not here on time. There are other classes with different start times and it is important to ensure that groups remain separate at all times.

MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS,

Start 1st June

	Class	Start Time	Finish Time	Entrance/exit point
Blue group	Bungalow	9am	12pm	Main Gate
Red Group	Bungalow	12.30pm	3.30pm	Main Gate

WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Start 3rd June

	Class	Start Time	Finish Time	Entrance/exit point
Yellow Group	Bungalow	9am	12pm	Main Gate
Purple Group	Bungalow	12.30pm	3.30pm	Main Gate

Your child has been allocated to Blue Group.

As the sessions become more established it may be possible to merge groups and offer more sessions. This will be managed as the situation develops with the safety of children and staff at the fore-front of decision making but also wanting our children to access as much valuable nursery provision as possible.

Please confirm your acceptance of the offered nursery sessions by Thursday as we can then offer out any spare places.

Best wishes

Elena Print
Head Teacher

