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Re: Inviting Early Years Children (Pod 4) back to school from Weds 24th June

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Dear Parents and carers of children in Early Years (Reception or Nursery, Pod 4),

Following on from my letter relating to our plans for increasing our numbers, I write with further detail relating to the Early Years provision which will be on offer from next Wednesday (24th June).

May I begin by stating that, in order to adhere to Government guidelines and manage the risks to the best of our ability, the provision which will be on offer will not look like that which the children left behind. We will be trying our best to: maintain social distancing; limit the interaction with resources; limit the amount of equipment coming back and forth from home and school; provide only the equipment that each child needs; limit movement inside the building; enforce strict measures relating to hygiene and enforce compliance to stricter rules generally, all whilst aiming to provide a comfortable, meaningful learning environment and an excellent, age appropriate curriculum.

It is not yet possible for us to state what the Early Years offer will look like until we have a sense of how many children are wishing to return. As I hope you can appreciate, because we will have to have much smaller class sizes, it is likely we will only be able to offer learning sessions to your child and these will either be over at Little Park (our Nursery site) or in an outdoor specified area.

Whatever the offer looks like, we will be operating a Pod structure and, as stated, your child will be in Pod 4. All pods are in different parts of our building and Pod 4 will be completely separate from all other pods which are in operation. The pods will be subdivided into bubbles where the bubbles are really classes but they will contain a maximum of 10 children and will be set up quite differently. Your child's bubble will be allocated when you sign up for them to return. As stated, until you sign up, it is impossible for us to say how many bubbles we need and therefore how many staff; this will, in turn, affect the amount of sessions we can offer. One thing I can say is, there will be no full days offered and it is likely to be a few half days per week. Each bubble will be given a daily arrival and departure window when their bubble is known.

In order for us to be able to plan effectively (firstly that means - how many teachers/ spaces do we need) and to manage the risks to the best of our ability we need you please to:

1. Inform your child's class teacher (when they call later this week or by completing this form <https://forms.gle/i14iferseHxpogAv6>) of your intentions (please be advised that, if you say yes, the expectation is they attend every session that is available to them and if they are sick on a given day, usual absence procedures will apply).
2. Appreciate that your child can only attend if we have been informed. If you say no now and then, over time, you change your mind, we may not definitely be able to offer a space, as we may not have the capacity, please contact the school on a Wednesday if you wish us to consider your child for the following week; we will let you know whether there is space available for the following week..
3. If you say yes, be mindful of more communication in the next week. All the measures which we have put in place require awareness, responsibility and agreed compliance by all.

Yours respectfully,

Natasha Ttofalli

Synopsis: Please let us know for definite if you wish for your child in Early Years to return to school and, if you say yes, look out for further communication which needs your attention.