



Stockingford Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Many thanks for your responses to the parent survey we sent out last week. After the recent Government announcement which stated: *'We are also asking nurseries and other early years providers, including childminders, to begin welcoming back all children from week commencing June 1st 2020', and also acknowledging the need to pass the 5 tests set out by the Government before any plans can be put into action*, we have been considering what this **could** look like for the Nursery School.

We have:

- Discussed this with the Governing Body
- Attended virtual meetings with the Local Authority
- Referred to National Guidance
- Attended virtual meetings with other Warwickshire Nursery School Headteachers
- Attended a virtual meeting with Nursery School Headteachers in England
- Completed a staff survey
- Completed a parent survey

Our absolute priority is the health and safety of our children, families and staff. After completing a risk assessment, the Nursery School has made the decision that from the 1st June, and **depending upon further Government guidance**, we could potentially open initially for up to **12 children only**. We would then review this regularly over the coming weeks. We have made this decision because the risk assessment highlights:

- Big Nursery is one large open teaching space with 1 set of toilets and 1 garden.
- Little Nursery is a much smaller teaching space and is therefore not suitable for a group of children at this time.
- We would need to limit the number of parents/carers onsite at drop off and collection.
- Staff ratios will need to be increased to support frequent handwashing for children, supporting social distancing wherever this is possible and regular cleaning of resources
- Whilst we can teach children about why it is so important to be social distancing currently, and can direct children to smaller groups for adult led activities, lunch and snack time and can put further measures in place to support this, during play and routines of the day we **cannot guarantee** that children and staff will maintain a 2m distance from each other at all times. This is due to the very young age and developmental requirements of the children.

Our priority in line with Government expectation, is to make the places that we have available for children of keyworkers and vulnerable children, and we remain committed to continuing the care of children who have been accessing childcare with us since March. We would then prioritise children who will be leaving to go to Infant or Primary School in September. Should you wish to enquire about the availability of a place for your child please telephone the Nursery School or email: parents1041@welearn365.com. Please note that our places would be very limited.

For children who are unable to access a place onsite, we will continue to offer learning opportunities via our Facebook page and a text link to your phone of activities posted to our website. Nursery teachers will continue to stay in contact with you by telephone.

More information is available here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers?utm_source=369bae49-4d50-422a-bef0-03f1685c6434&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Thank you for your continuing support for the Nursery School. Thank you also for the many supportive messages for our staff, these are greatly appreciated. We will of course keep you regularly updated with information.

Take care, stay safe

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