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Dear Nursery Parents and Carers,

Nursery Class update

I hope that you and your families are well.

As we continue to navigate these unprecedented times, I wanted to contact you in relation our current and upcoming arrangements in our Nursery provision.

You will know that we are currently operating our Nursery with lower numbers of pupils attending than usual. Our pupils attending on-site are primarily children of critical workers and parents who were in need of this provision. We are happy that we have been able to provide this critical childcare for these families.

We also have Nursery pupils who are currently learning remotely from home. Thank you to those parents/carers who have been able to consider other options and for you to keep your child at home and learn remotely; thank you for taking telephone calls from our Early Years team and agreeing that it remains in all pupils' best interests that numbers attending Nursery are kept to a minimum and for children to stay at home wherever possible. This has helped those in our community, including critical workers, who are reliant on our provision to enable them to fulfil their important work.

Our staffing capacity in Nursery, and the wider school, has been impacted significantly by the effects of COVID-19, so this has also helped the school to continue to operate for those pupils that need this place in Nursery.

For those pupils learning remotely from home, we continue to provide a range of home-learning tasks which you can choose from to keep your child's learning going whilst at home. These learning tasks can be located [by clicking on the tab entitled 'Remote Home Learning'](#) in your child's Class Site which can be found [at this link](#). Please remember that for very young children playing is also learning – we love seeing Tapestry observations of children playing with their toys, baking, going for a walk, etc as we know how important this type of learning is too.

Our Nursery staff are really missing the children and they are keen to maintain contact with children and their families who are at home. To do this, Early Years staff will make



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weekly telephone calls to parents/carers. These calls will be to find out how you are getting on and to find out if there is anything support that you require from us.

Please be assured that we are doing everything possible to meet the needs of all of our young children and families whilst still ensuring that everyone is as safe as possible. I would like to reiterate my thanks and patience to all of you and your children as we move through the next few uncertain weeks together. Circumstances do change and we will keep you updated as necessary. The on-going support from parents/carers has been a source of strength for staff, in Nursery and across the wider school. Thank you!

Kind regards,

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