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Dear Parents

I am writing to you to confirm the arrangements for the full re-opening of Eastfield Nursery. We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school and this letter provides details about the arrangements we will put in place as a result of the most recent government guidance and how we are asking you to help us reduce the risk of Covid-19 to staff and pupils.

The government has announced that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term. They've decided this on the basis of:

- The prevalence of coronavirus decreasing
- More clarity about the measures that need to be in place to create safe environments in schools
- Time out of school being detrimental to children's development
- The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus

We will therefore be welcoming all our pupils back to school. To reduce the risk to staff, pupils and families we will be following government advice and putting a range of safety measures in place. These safety measures form part of the schools risk assessment, a copy of which will be available to parents in September.

Safety measures

In light of government guidance we have updated our school risk assessment, a copy of which will be made available to parents in September. As a result the following safety measures will be put in place:

- **Staggered start and finish times** - We will stagger the start and finish times for our older and younger children to prevent large numbers of children and adults congregating at the school entrance. Our oldest children in the Nursery class will now start school at 8.45am for morning sessions and 12.30pm for afternoon sessions. Our youngest children in the two year class will start at 9.00am and 12.45pm. Parents who have children in both classes will be able to bring their oldest child to school later at the same time as their youngest child.
- **Class sizes** - The limits on class sizes in Nursery settings have been removed by the government however we will create two separate classes for our older pupils to reduce the number of contacts children and staff have. Each class will have a separate outdoor play space.
- **Increased Cleaning** - Enhanced cleaning will take place throughout the building with particular attention paid to frequently touched points including doors, toilets and surfaces.
- **Personal hygiene** – everyone entering the school, including the children will have to wash their hands thoroughly. Children will be supported to wash their hands frequently and will be taught good hygiene practices including using a tissue when they cough or sneeze.
- **Restricted access to the school site** - The government has given clear advice to schools about the movement of parents around school sites and we have taken this into account. Unfortunately parents will not be able to enter the school building. We will be asking parents to ring the school or send written notes to share information with key workers. Staff will be telephoning parents with



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updates about children's progress and sending home notes and messages regularly to keep you up to date. We will continue to use the school app to communicate with parents and share photographs about the children's experiences at school.

- **Social distancing around the school grounds** - Due to the narrow walkways into the school grounds a one-way system will be introduced at drop off and collection times – this will be clearly signposted. Parents are asked to follow the markers outside the school gate when dropping off and collecting children and to maintain 2m distance from other parents. Parents should exit the school grounds via the double gates on to Griffin St. Children must remain with parents at all times and not be allowed to run around the site.
- **Dealing with coronavirus symptoms** - You must not enter the school site if you or your child are unwell or have any coronavirus symptoms. If a child is taken ill with coronavirus symptoms they will be isolated in a separate room until they can be collected. Parents will be advised to obtain a test and follow the governments isolation guidance. Parents must notify us immediately if their child or anyone in their family has developed symptoms of coronavirus so that we can take appropriate action to reduce any further spread of the virus.

Arrangements for re-opening

During the first few weeks of term we will be holding induction sessions for our new children. This year our induction process will have to be held outdoors and will take longer due to the social distancing measures we will have to put in place.

Therefore the Nursery class will re-open for returning children on Tuesday 8th September. Our two year olds will return on Monday 14th September.

To enable start and finish times to be staggered our new session times will be:

| | Nursery Class | Two Year olds class |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Morning sessions | 8.45am – 11.40am | 9.00am – 11.55am |
| Afternoon sessions | 12.30pm – 3.25pm | 12.45pm – 3.40pm |
| 30 hr sessions | 8.45am – 2.40pm | |

We appreciate that this is a lot of information so if you have any questions or would like anything clarifying please do not hesitate to email the school and we will be happy to answer any questions when staff return to school on the 1st September.

Thank you for your continued support in these unprecedented times.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Smith', written over a light blue background.

Miss Emma Smith
Head Teacher

