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Dear Parents and Carers,

As September is now rapidly approaching, we felt it was important to keep you updated. There is currently a great deal of speculation about children returning to school and I am sure that this will continue up until the beginning of the Autumn term. I am writing in the expectation that there will be no further “significant” announcements from the government in the next three weeks, but currently, as with most things, you can never be too sure what is around the corner.

This letter has two parts, the first is to wish all the children moving onto Primary School the very best. This year will stick in our minds and the disappointment at not being able to give you all the “full Brougham Street experience” weighs heavily in our hearts. Please remember that as you walk through the door of your new classroom, we will be with you in spirit. Even though the school year has been short and strange, we have no doubt that you will tackle any obstacles you encounter with the resilience and good humour that we know you have. We wish you every success and please stay in touch.

The second is for those of you returning to us in September. We have nearly finished our new and updated parent handbook and FAQs and will send this to you soon. This should answer most of your questions about returning to or starting nursery and details fees and hours over the forthcoming few weeks. We have also updated the statutory Risk Assessment, and this will be available on our website if you want to see it.

The following points are perhaps important for you to know first:

- The nursery will be closed (including replying to messages) from Monday 31st August until Tuesday 8th September. If you need to contact us, please do so before then.
- The nursery day will be shorter (8.00am – 4.00pm) for at least the first two weeks of term (21st September), following this we will review how our measures are working with a greater number of children attending. We hope to extend our closing time to 5.30pm after this.
- You will need to be in full acceptance of your responsibilities to notify us of any Coronavirus symptoms and willing to engage with the testing, tracking and tracing service. You must also follow any guidance (whether national or local) regarding social distancing.
- Pick up and drop off times cannot be changed and are not flexible until we have received new guidance. We still need to limit the number of people coming into contact with each other and entering the building.
- Social distancing is not possible while at nursery and children will be in regular close contact with the other children and staff within their room “bubble”.

We are really excited to see you all in September and have lots of ideas about how to make nursery as exciting and fun as possible. We have gained a huge amount of experience and knowledge over the last five months and feel confident that children will enjoy being at nursery as much as ever. One of the main things we have learnt is that complete transparency is important and if there is something that you are worried about, then do talk to us, we are here to help.

Look out for the handbook and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes,

Michael Pettavel (Headteacher)