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RE: Nursery Reopening Thursday 21st January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you are aware on Monday 4th January schools were asked to close to all but the children of critical workers and those deemed as vulnerable. Schools where Nurseries are attached were left to make the decision whether or not to choose to close their Nursery. We decided, in line with the rest of our school cohort, we would only open Nursery to critical worker and vulnerable children.

On Thursday 7th January 2021, new guidance was released by the government which indicated school nurseries should in fact be kept open. **“Early years providers should stay open and allow children to attend their normal timetabled hours. This includes early years registered nurseries and childminders, maintained nursery schools, nursery classes in schools and other pre-reception provision on school sites.”**

The decision to keep nurseries open is due to the evidence around lower transmission rates in nursery settings and also the importance for this age of child to have the opportunity to socialise and learn in a Nursery setting.

This week we have contacted all our Nursery families to gain your view on whether you would send your child to nursery if we fully reopened. The majority of parents said that they would. **Therefore, we have made the decision to reopen our Nursery setting to all our children with immediate effect from Thursday 21st January 2021.**

All our Nursery children will form a Nursery Bubble based in the Nursery setting. Mrs Brierley and Mrs Bettridge will continue to support and lead your child’s education. All children will attend for the session (am, pm or full time) as they did before the lockdown, unless your child is already attending keyworker school and a different arrangement has been made. More information will be sent directly to the parents who stated that they would like their child to return.

If your child is attending full-time and is entitled to benefits related free school meals then school will provide them with a hot meal each day instead of the free school meal voucher. Please note that only children who attend Nursery full time are entitled to free school meals or the government free school meal voucher scheme.

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If you do not want your child to return to Nursery at the moment, this is fine. Attendance remains optional and your child will not lose their Nursery place for not attending. If in a week or two you change your mind and you would like your child to attend Nursery then please contact Mrs Brierley so that a start date can be arranged.

As Nursery will be fully open from Monday 25th January we will no longer be providing work packs for our Nursery pupils. We will continue to upload links to activities and videos on our Nursery page on our school website to support with activities that you can do at home.

If you have any questions then please do ask either myself or Mrs Brierley:

Mrs Thomas – headteacher@southglade.nottingham.sch.uk

Mrs Brierley – Christine.brierley@southglade.nottingham.sch.uk

Kind Regards

A. Thomas

Mrs Alison Thomas
Head Teacher

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