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Nurseries in Primary Schools to Open

Dear Parents and Carers,

We recognise that there has been some confusion nationally over the opening of nursery provision in primary schools, following the Prime Minister's statement.

Previous guidance had clearly indicated that there was not a statutory requirement for school-based nurseries in primary schools to open at this time.

On Thursday 7th January 2021, the government published updated guidance that nurseries in primary schools should now be expected to be open to all nursery-aged pupils, not just those of critical workers and vulnerable pupils.

Due to this change in government guidance, we will need to make some substantial changes to the way in which we deploy staff, so that we have the capacity to continue to work as safely as possible in line with our risk assessment. We will be working towards this to update our risk assessments over the next few days, with support from Trust leaders, so that we are satisfied with the arrangements that we put in place and have enough time to redeploy staff.

Following this process, if we are satisfied that our risk assessment indicates it is appropriate to do so, we hope to be able to open our nursery from Monday 18th January 2021. Further details will follow next week.

As always, thank you for your support at this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



Heather Thorne

Headteacher