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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are well and staying safe. We have all been through such a strange time and hopefully things are now looking a bit brighter. We are missing seeing all the children and having “normal” nursery.

We are sorry that we have not been able to accommodate your child back in nursery this term but we’ve been trying to keep everyone as safe as possible. The good news is that we are hoping to open fully in September. The new term starts on Wednesday 2nd September and your child can go back to their normal times.

Things will be a bit different at first, as we will still be taking extra precautions to keep everyone safe. The main difference you’ll see is that children will be dropped off at the door of the nursery building and staff will take children through to wash their hands before they start to play. Please observe social distancing measures and walk down the zig-zag path. Also, there will be no home toys allowed in the nursery. If you could prepare your child for this change by talking to them about it nearer the time, that would be great.

During the nursery session staff will be doing extra cleaning of surfaces and toys will be regularly disinfected. Children will be encouraged to wash their hands more often and shown how to put used tissues straight into the bin. We will be doing lots of fantastic outdoor learning.

If your child or anyone else in the family is showing any symptoms of coronavirus, please do not bring them to nursery. Inform us immediately if any family member has a positive test. Please make sure that we have up to date contact numbers, as we will inform you straight away if your child becomes unwell while at nursery.

We are really looking forward to seeing you and your child in September and hope you have a good summer!

Best wishes and take care,

All Nursery Staff