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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are all delighted to be welcoming your children back to Nursery school tomorrow. I am writing to remind you of the measures we have in place to try and mitigate the risk of Covid-19:-

- Only one adult to accompany a child to nursery school.
- All adults to wear a mask on the approach to the school and when dropping their child off and picking them up.
- Ensure social distance between each family and not to congregate and chat outside.
- Please arrive at your **original** allocated times e.g. 9am or 9.10am and **no earlier than 5** minutes before. This will ensure there are not too many people within the entrance vicinity at any one time.
- Doors will open at 8.55am to enable the children to start entering the school earlier.
- We are aware that there will be older primary school children learning from home. Please only bring them with you on the nursery school run if it is absolutely necessary.
- Children have their changing bags in school and do not need to bring anything with them to Nursery.

If your child or anyone in your house is showing any signs of Covid-19, please ensure your child does not attend school for 10 days. The following main symptoms to look for are: -

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- loss of taste or smell

Please let us know if your child will be off school due to self-isolating. If you decide that your personal preference is for your child not to attend Nursery over the next fortnight due to older siblings still being off school, please ensure you contact us to let us know.

Over the past few weeks we have been receiving new pieces of equipment for inside the classrooms and outside and look forward to the children's excitement in seeing them for the first time and playing with them.

Thank you, to everyone who completed the remote learning survey and for your honest feedback. Like many of you, I have seen the impact the recent Lockdown has had on my own daughter; not being able to socialise or play with friends or family members, getting harder to engage in some learning activities as time went on and getting very attached to myself. I know that some of you will be in a similar position and though we may have concerns about our children going back to Nursery, tomorrow will be a great day for them. They will return to Nursery, to socialising and to a familiar routine. As parents we might have reservations and for some children it might be daunting to come back to Nursery however they will adjust to being back and to the familiar class that they have been part of. We are going to be focusing on wellbeing and our feelings over the next fortnight and the priority for all of us is helping your child settle back into life at Nursery. Rest assured we will let you know if your child is struggling to settle back in.

Please also remember that the school photographer will be in school on Friday 19th March 2021. If you wish your child to have their photograph taken please ensure you register online with Cool for School. Further information can be found in a prior email I sent you. Please let us know if your child will not be attending over the next fortnight but will be coming to Nursery to have their photograph taken.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Trimmings". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mrs Jennifer Trimmings

Principal