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Dear Nursery Families,

Re: Nursery Closure

As you know, Nursery will unfortunately not be reopening this year. This makes all the nursery team extremely sad. You have been a wonderful group of children and parents and we have enjoyed teaching you all so much and have loved every minute of our time with you. It is really challenging to create the kind of ending we would like for children, when meeting together is so difficult. However, one thing we would like you to do, is to pass on this message from all the staff team, how often you have all amazed us with how clever, creative, articulate and funny you are and how lucky the Reception teachers are to have you all in their classes next year.

We know it will be difficult to explain to the children that they cannot return to nursery and that they will be starting Reception Class in September. We would like to help the children think about their time in nursery and all their fantastic achievements and also to be involved, in a positive way, in supporting the new group of children settle into nursery. With this in mind and with your help, I would really like to make a booklet called “What we love about Nursery”, filled with children’s thoughts and ideas. We would like the children to reflect on their favourite things to do and experiences in nursery, what it felt like when you first came to Nursery (were you scared or excited), all our nursery rules (washing your hands before eating, not running inside etc) our routines (tidy up time, key group or carpet time, lunch time etc) share with us what you liked and didn’t like. You could draw pictures if you wish, to help make the book more colourful and interesting. We hope this will start conversations and help children talk about how they are feeling. By making a “child’s-eye view” of nursery, they will be playing an important part in helping new children settle into nursery during this difficult time and to think of themselves as authors.

Children’s comments, photos and art work, about their time in nursery can be sent to heathrow.class@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk

Once I have made the booklet, you will all get a copy to keep and copies will go to every new child starting next year.

I am currently organising a date for all nursery parents and children to come to school this term. This will be an opportunity for you to collect all your artwork and special books and for us to say a proper goodbye. We will ensure appropriate social distancing measures are in place so this is likely to be organised in your key groups and take place on the grass outside the school. We appreciate this will be a unusual way to say goodbye but we can’t wait to see you and to catch up on the great things you have been learning whilst you have been at home.

Many thanks,

Katy, Naz, Natasha, Stella, Theresa and Brogan (the Nursery Team)

