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Dear Nursery parents and carers,

Update on Nursery

Regrettably I write to let you know that after considerable deliberation the decision has been made that we will be unable to re-open the Nursery this term. As you know in previous letters our hope was to enable some sort of return for our Nursery children. I have liaised with Katy Wards and the team about how any return might be enabled.

You will know that our Nursery provision has currently 59 children on roll, with a rich variety of ways children take up the 15 hour offer. We have a particular Nursery physical environment that creates issues with staffing deployment. These complexities whilst trying to work within DfE guidelines have posed challenges that we are just unable to meet. You will recall from my previous letters I wrote about the ‘possible’ return of Nursery and how it might look, with my last letter explaining that it would be practicably impossible to accommodate more than just 28 pupils with a part time offer. The proposed return would only have started on 29th June with just 3 weeks left which I considered carefully in light of the emotional well being of the children. A fragmented, part-time offer for less than half the total pupils could not be considered actually in their best interests.

Finally the amount of children returning to Reception ‘bubbles’ next week has placed a pressure on staffing that has meant I have had to re-deploy Nursery staff to support the Reception children.

I know you will appreciate that this decision has not been made lightly, particularly with my own passion for the importance of Early Years education. I thank you in advance for your understanding.

We will be in communication before the end of the summer term I assure you.

Kind regards

Will

