



**Renfrew Street Nursery**



5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear parents and carers

**New “Stay at Home” Government Guidance and delayed nursery reopening**

I am sure you will have heard the First Minister’s announcement yesterday that schools and nurseries will not reopen to all children until at least the 1<sup>st</sup> February. I am sure these are difficult times for all of you in various ways, as they are for everyone involved with nursery, and the team aim to offer some support to you, especially with promoting children’s learning and development over the present time; see information below for more detail. **Until 1<sup>st</sup> February at least, Renfrew Street Nursery will not reopen apart from to some children who are eligible** as parents/carers are both keyworkers working outside of the home and due to various factors meaning those children require the support of a nursery place. I have already contacted those families who I believe to be eligible, but please feel free to contact me at nursery if you have any questions.

Myself and the team are current collating home activities and suggestions for parents. The home activities will include books for children (with related activities you can do at home, helping to develop language), baking and recipes, physical activities to help children keep healthy and some paper based activities. There will not be as large a “home learning pack” as last time however, as we would like to focus on more practical than paper based activities which are more suitable for nursery age children. **These will be available to collect from nursery from Friday this week (8<sup>th</sup> January) from 10am-3pm and during the following week.**

I believe that one of the best things we can each do at this time is to try and be as healthy as possible which helps to keep as safe and helps to reduce any feelings of worry that we may have. Healthy and active helps not just children but ourselves too. So please try and support your children doing their daily exercise and activity, not just sit-down learning, and try and join in with them where possible.

**Most of the activities and videos will be shared through Twitter** (install Twitter app and search for @renfrewstreet and “follow” the nursery) so it is very important that you check there to keep up to date. If it is just not possible for you to use Twitter, just speak to us and we will try and find other ways to share resources with you.

I also intend both myself and nursery staff to keep in touch with you by telephone each week during this time, to offer any support and advice we can, including practical advice and further activities supporting your child’s learning when needed.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you all of the **most critical guidance, which has not changed:**

**If you or your child has a cough, high temperature, or change in or loss of smell or taste, then you should all isolate at home for 10 days, including not coming to nursery or visiting shops or anyone else. You should also request a COVID test.** Please remember that you cannot know that you or your child does not have covid because their symptoms are very mild. The only way to tell is to receive a covid test.

Following this guidance on isolation and testing helps to keep the whole community safe. I am also aware that there is a lot of misinformation around on social media – if you want to discuss any aspect of anything regarding nursery or COVID, please phone me and I am more than happy to talk with you.

This is not the start of 2021 that we all hoped for however we really look forward to seeing your children back in the near future. We are here to help you and always happy to talk.

Yours Sincerely



Steve Rivers

Head of Nursery