



22nd December 2020

Dear parents and carers

Nursery arrangements for January 2021

I am writing to tell you the arrangements for January, following the Scottish Government's announcement of a delay to the restart of schools and nurseries in January.

Tuesday 5th January – nursery closed to all children. Staff will be planning reopening and discussing home activity resources for families

Wednesday 6th January to Friday 15th January – nursery closed to all children **except** keyworkers families and those families in need of additional support (see below for more information)

Monday 18th January – we expect to open as normal

The Scottish Government guidance states that “the purpose of these restrictions is to reduce households mixing as far as possible in order to suppress the virus and take firm preventative measures, particularly in light of the new strain of COVID-19 identified.” For this reason, it is only right that we expect to only have a very small number of children in for nursery attendance before 18th January. The Scottish Government have published some general guidance on what “keyworker” means, and about other families who may be in need of support: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-childcare-provision-from-26-december-to-18-january/pages/vulnerable-children/> Those families where there is a parent or other relative at home, even if they are working from home, would **not** normally be eligible to attend between 6th and 15th January. I will make contact in the next couple of days with the small number of families who I expect to be eligible to attend nursery before January 18th.

Between 6th and 15th January we will provide some play and learning materials and suggestions that you can use at home, both with books and materials to collect but also online materials (Twitter feed is @renfrewstreet). It will also be a priority of mine to contact all families once staff return from 5th January.

Please do feel free to contact me if you have any questions – I will be here until 4.15pm this Thursday. I will also be checking my emails just before staff return on 5th January (see email address below).

I sincerely wish you all a safe, peaceful and joyful Christmas break and a happy new year

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Rivers".

Steve Rivers
Head of Nursery