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Dear Parent/Carer

Glasgow Nursery arrangements from January 2021

You will be aware that the Scottish Government over the weekend announced new covid-19 restrictions in response to preventative measures to help tackle the new strain of the virus that's been detected.

This has a direct impact on the return of our schools and nurseries after the Christmas holidays and we wanted to explain the arrangements and plans that we are putting in place for the children and young people across the city.

We know that this is very short notice, but we hope that that our families understand that we are continuing to deal with a very volatile and evolving situation to help reduce the spread of the virus and keep everyone as safe as possible under these challenging circumstances.

If your child's nursery was due to open on Tuesday 5 January then we are going to use that day for staff planning. If your child's nursery was due to open on Wednesday 6 January (term-time nursery) then we are going to use that day for staff planning.

This means that early learning and childcare will be available from Wednesday 6 January or Thursday 7 January (term-time nurseries) for the children of key workers and for those children that nurseries assess would benefit.

This arrangement will stay in place until Monday 18 January 2021.

For clarification, a full description of who falls into the category of keyworkers is at the end of this letter.

Staff from your child's nursery will be in contact (for term-time nurseries this will be after the break) to discuss their bespoke arrangements directly with their families.

Nurseries will do their best to provide at-home learning for those children who will be at home at this time.

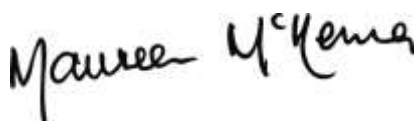
We know that these arrangements will cause a degree of anxiety, but we hope that you all understand that this is necessary as a preventative measure following the identification of the new strain of the virus and in response to the updated restrictions.

I know that this has been a very challenging year for us all. We have put all the latest advice and guidance on-line -

<https://glasgow.gov.uk/article/25947/Recovery-Resilience-and-Reconnection-2020>

Thank you once again for your continued support and to our children who show incredible resilience in the face of so many changes.

Yours sincerely



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Keyworker Clarification

Where a parent is able to work from home then they should do so and support their child's learning. Parents and carers should be aware that other family members, such as grandparents can provide childcare.

Keyworkers:

- Health and Care workers directly supporting COVID response, and associated staff; Health and Care workers supporting life threatening emergency work, as well as critical primary and community care provision; Energy suppliers (small numbers identified as top priority already); staff providing childcare/learning.
- All other Health and Care workers, and wider public sector workers providing emergency/critical welfare services (for example: fire, police, prisons, social workers), as well as those supporting our Critical National Infrastructure, without whom serious damage to the welfare of the people of Scotland could be caused.
- All workers (private, public or third sector) without whom there could be a significant impact on Scotland (but where the response to COVID-19, or the ability to perform essential tasks to keep the country running, would not be severely compromised).

These are the Scottish Government definitions issued in March 2020.