



Renfrew Street Nursery



17th February 2021

Dear parents and carers

Updated “Stay at Home” Government Guidance and nursery reopening

The First Minister confirmed yesterday that nurseries will reopen to all children from Monday 22nd February. Our plan is for children to return next week for the sessions that they attended before Christmas. The full morning session remains 8am-12pm and the afternoon session is 1.15-5.45pm. Of course many children will attend full days or 9am-3pm as before. We would ask parents to be slightly flexible in that some children may need a little time to settle back in after this long break so it may be best for some children not to attend for their full day on the first day back – we can discuss this individually with families.

I would also like to emphasise that this phased reopening of schools and nurseries is dependent on the rate of infections continuing to fall. The guidance from the Scottish Government remains “Stay at Home” unless for essential purposes and households should continue not to visit each other and mix either at home or outside of nursery. I ask parents and carers to be fully aware of and follow this guidance so as to reduce the risk of infection to children and staff within nursery.

Can I also again 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.

We also will still ask parents to wear a face covering at drop off and collection which will take place as before at the nursery door. Parents are also asked to keep 2 metres distancing from each other whilst waiting outside the nursery.

As I said in the previous letter, from 22nd February I move to Langa Street Nursery, and Sharon Wright will be Acting Head of Nursery at Renfrew Street. Michelle Lamont has just started as Acting Team Leader and you will all get chance to meet her in the coming weeks. I will continue to provide some support and involvement at Renfrew Street in the coming weeks and months.

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If you want to discuss any aspect of anything regarding nursery or COVID, please call the nursery to discuss. We really look forward to seeing your children back next week.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Rivers', written in a cursive style.

Steve Rivers

Head of Nursery