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Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus closure and general update

As you know, Renfrew Street Nursery remains closed at present due to the Coronavirus outbreak. I don't know when it is likely we will reopen however you will receive a message when I do know anything further about this. I know that this will be a difficult time for many families due to the "lockdown" and the disruption to day to day life and work. The whole team are in regular communication with each other and send their best wishes to the boys, girls and parents at home – we are all really missing you all, and each other!

Obviously we are missing the daily communication that we have with families. I have been trying to keep in phone contact with some of our parents (and spoken to some children on the phone too!) and will continue to do this. Given that nursery is closed, you can get in touch with me via email Headteacher@renfrewstreet-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk. Please note that the Nursery voicemail is not likely to be checked very often at all as there is a general restriction on staff being in nursery even with no children attending.

If you wish to request childcare because you think you qualify as a "Keyworker" (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-guide-schools-early-learning-closures/pages/key-workers/>) you should send an email to the above email address. Despite Renfrew Street being closed, there are other local nurseries offering some provision for keyworkers. I would like to emphasise though that Glasgow City Council are looking to prioritise the provision for category 1 keyworkers' children and reduce as far as possible the numbers of children in school or nursery to as few as they can be.

Many families managed to collect the home learning pack before the closure was announced. Even if you don't have the home learning pack, **we are continuing to offer home learning activities, videos and suggestions through our Twitter page (@RenfrewStreet) – please sign up if you haven't already.**

Staff are currently working at home or supporting other nursery establishments. Staff are busy writing reports, journal observations for children, doing professional development and reading activities and planning suggested home learning activities.

Please sign in to the Learning journals site to see your child's observations – additional observations will be published in the coming days. If you cannot log in, please email the above email address to request this.

Unfortunately our getting ready for school plans have been affected by the nursery and schools closure. Staff have been writing transition reports, and we will find a way to share these with you if nursery doesn't re-open soon. Our Garnetbank Primary School visits had only just started in March – we will attempt to continue some sort of visits once schools return, if that is before the end of June. Also our planned Leavers celebration and fun day date (Thursday 18th June) may change or be cancelled – again we will just have to wait and see.

Finally I just want to say that myself and whole team cannot wait for the day when we are back to “normal” and see the children again each day. Our best wishes and hopes go to you and your families for health and happiness at this time.

Warmest wishes

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Head of Nursery