



**Renfrew Street Nursery**



12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**IMPORTANT - Changes to nursery opening days at Renfrew Street**

Renfrew Street Nursery changed to become a nursery open throughout the year in September 2019 as part of the 1140 hours of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) expansion plans across Glasgow and indeed across Scotland. Before that time Renfrew Street Nursery was a term-time establishment with opening days aligned with the council school term dates. I am writing to inform you that as part of a review of ELC across Glasgow City Council, **Renfrew Street Nursery will revert back to being a term-time only nursery from August 2021.**

This will have some implications for nursery in August, but also before that time. As I am a year-round Head of Nursery, I will be moving to lead another nursery: Langa Street Nursery. It is planned for me to become Head of Langa Street Nursery from 22<sup>nd</sup> February, however I will continue to have some involvement in supporting the children, families and staff team at Renfrew Street during the next few months. Sharon Wright, Team Leader, will become Acting Head of Nursery for this interim period at least. We also have a new Acting Team Leader, Michelle Lamont, who starts with us next week. It is also likely that there will be significant changes among our staff team – most of our Child Development Officers are also employed throughout the year, therefore a number of staff may move to other nurseries in August. It is my intention to help ensure that there is a good process of change for everyone involved, particularly the children. You will be kept up to date on any staff changes, in order to ensure that the children affected are able to build relationships with new staff.

Many of our children start school in August, and if your child is returning to nursery after summer and currently attends nursery term-time only, then their sessions should not change. However **if your child is due to continue at nursery in August and normally attends throughout the year, you may be concerned about what this means for you and your child. I will speak with you in the coming weeks to discuss what the best arrangements will be for your family.**

It is certainly with much sadness that I announce my own departure from Renfrew Street Nursery, in addition to the other changes I have mentioned. I am confident though in the arrangements we have in place to ensure that the quality of the service we offer is maintained. If you have any questions about the changes for Renfrew Street Nursery, please speak to me or Sharon at the nursery or by telephone.

Yours Sincerely

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