



29th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: shorter opening hours today, Tuesday 29th September

You should have received my text message last night informing you that nursery opening hours today will be 9.00am-4.15pm. The reason for this is that more than one member of staff have been asked to self-isolate and request a COVID-19 test. I emphasise that no one at Renfrew Street has tested positive for COVID-19 yet - you will be informed if this does happen. This has left us short in our ability to deliver a quality nursery experience across 8.00am-6.00pm due to the shortage of staff. You will be aware that staff work in "bubbles" (upstairs and downstairs groups) so this limits our ability to move staff around to accommodate the children when we do have staff absence.

I hope that this arrangement will only be for today but there is a possibility that it may need to be for longer – I will let you know as soon as I can be sure of this. This means that today the morning session is 9.00am-12.00pm and the afternoon session is 1.15pm-4.15pm. Children who stay all day can attend from 9.00am-4.15pm and still receive lunch. If your child attends at different times (for example, arrives at 10.00am or leaves at 2.45pm) then please keep to these times. I also ask of parents to be patient at drop off and collection times and please keep 2 metres physical distancing to other families – I do anticipate that the drop off and collection times may be slightly busier than usual due to the reduced hours.

I apologise for the severely short notice for this change and any inconvenience that it may cause, however it is essential that we follow the public health guidance on isolation of staff and children.

Yours Sincerely

Steve Rivers Head of Nursery