



Renfrew Street Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to give you a very quick update on the work that I am doing with colleagues within Glasgow City Council towards re-opening nursery. I know that this is a very anxious and difficult time for many reasons, and you may have faced difficulties juggling work and childcare, with concern about the health and safety of your family, the progress of your child and with concerns around job security and income. I have spoken to many families by phone and face-to-face while collecting home learning packs, but I haven't spoken to everyone. The whole team at Renfrew Street are very sad to be missing the children and families, especially at this time of getting ready for school and celebrating the children's achievements. A number of parents have requested "Zoom" meetings with staff and other children however unfortunately up to now we have been constrained by data protection regulations and Glasgow City Council advice on safe use of IT including in terms of child protection guidance. I will continue to try and identify ways to do this.

I can however offer appointment times to come and see me in the nursery garden next week (see link below to make appointment). This will be at the front of nursery, at individual times, with 2 metre social distancing in place. Nursery staff might also be present. Please do not come if you are unwell or have mild symptoms. You can bring children with you of course, and I would be delighted to see them, and you could help by reminding your child about the social distancing. This meeting gives me the chance to hear of any further support you need, to discuss nursery reopening and transition to school and also I aim to have your child's nursery end of year report ready to discuss, for you to make comment. I will also aim to have our next home learning pack ready. If you would like to make an appointment please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/k5vVQkucg3DxNwhJZ>

If there are not enough slots for everyone to have an appointment I will repeat this next week. It will be lovely to see you all!

You may have seen yesterday's Scottish Government "Route Map" towards reopening schools and nurseries. This will take place in phases with the next priority being extending provision for children of essential keyworkers and offering support for transitions to school. I will be working with Headteacher colleagues on this as quickly as possible and further updates will follow. I do not yet have a date for when Renfrew Street will reopen but I will let you know as soon as I know.

I hope that you have found the home learning links and videos on Twitter to be useful. If you haven't yet followed this, please do – register with Twitter and follow @RenfrewStreet for updates. Staff have shared lovely stories and activities to do at home with children. Please remember though that these are just ideas and suggestions – children at this age, and during these events, will benefit most from calmness, warmth and consistency and they will thrive through being able to play and create and stay healthy and active as much as possible. Please help your child get outdoors for exercise and sunlight if you can do so safely. If you have any requests for suggestions, please email me (below) or you can ask me next week.

I know that many of you will be celebrating Eid this weekend and I wish you a safe and happy celebration at this important time of year!

♫ Rivers Steve Rivers – Head of Nursery

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