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**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last week's survey, which asked if you intended to send your child back to nursery in the event that there is a reopening as planned by the UK Government on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We thought that it would be worthwhile sharing the survey results and also give you a brief update following the two letters which were sent last week.

The volume of updates and guidance from the Government is vast and this changing information makes definitive planning difficult. However, we have consulted the guidance and contingencies which help to keep children and adults safe are our absolute priority. Common sense dictates that the guidelines have to be applied to each local context. In terms of Oxclose Nursery, that means the numbers of pupils, the number of staff who are available to work and, crucially, the size of the rooms.

**While we are unable to confirm definite details, provisional plans would suggest that the children will be in Nursery for 2 half days per week.** This will enable cleaning of classrooms, including a weekly deep clean, which will be necessary in order to minimise risks and this is something which will be factored in.

### **Drop offs and Pick ups**

In order to try to minimise the spread of infection, parents/carers will not be permitted to come on site at drop off and pick up time or at other times without appointment. Guidance also discourages gatherings at the school gates at the beginning or end of the day. This will apply to all nurseries, schools and settings across the country. Parents will be able to call at the office with an appointment but wherever possible communication should be via telephone or email in the first instance.

### **Which other measures will be in place?**

We have addressed many of the measures above. In addition, we will have a designated medical area. Any child who displays symptoms will be placed safely within this medical area and the First Aiders will have PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). There will be a designated toilet for those who are poorly and this will not be used by any other pupils. Needless to say, in the event that a pupil was ill, parents would be contacted.

### **Will I be fined if I don't send my child to Nursery?**

**No.** Nursery is not statutory and therefore there is no legal obligation to send your child. Although the nursery will put every possible sensible safety contingency in place, it is impossible to guarantee that the virus will not be in nursery at some point for that reason we understand if parents decide not to send their child to Nursery. We must also stress that if you are on the vulnerable list and shielding, you **should not**



send your child to nursery according to Government guidance. We recommend that you refer carefully to the guidance when making your decision.

### Emergency Childcare

Emergency childcare will continue to be available for critical workers 5 days per week and these children will complete a mixture of learning and general childcare provision. This will continue to take place on the primary school site. The hours will continue to run from 8am to 4pm and be bookable online. The childcare will be staffed with a variety of staff from the school.

### What next?

We will issue another survey tomorrow at 12 noon for parents and carers with children in Nursery. **We would be very grateful if you could complete this survey.** The aim will be to give us a firmer idea of likely pupil numbers, which will then mean that we can inform those parents who have children who are attending with firmer plans.

At this stage there is no certainty that nurseries and schools will be open on June 1<sup>st</sup> but we have to make plans and inform you of these in case that the nursery and school is open. Even by the Prime Minister's own admission, the planned reopening is conditional and it is believed that he will make a decision upon the potential lifting of the lockdown on May 28<sup>th</sup>. We will also be speaking to Governors and the Local Authority and deliberating our plans. **We will continue to update you and please be assured that the safety and welfare of pupils and staff is our absolute priority.**

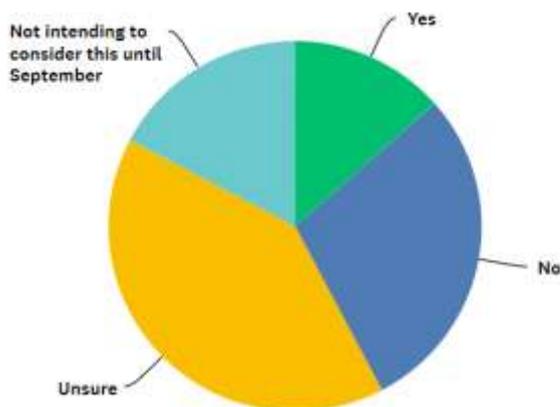
Yours faithfully,

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Mr Harrison  
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### Survey Results

Answered: 52 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	13.46% 7
No	28.85% 15
Unsure	40.38% 21
Not intending to consider this until September	17.31% 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>