



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents /Carers,

This is to confirm that Joseph's Nursery will be able to re-open to all families with effect from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The length of day will be shortened next week so that we will be closing by 4.30 every day, due to staff availability.

There may be some other slight modifications to the sessions being offered – if this affects your child's place Delta will be in touch with you tomorrow. If your child usually attends the Over 2's room on Fridays it would help greatly if any of you are able to offer to keep your child at home for the day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February – please liaise with Delta if you are able to do this next week.

As previously mentioned, you will be credited for any sessions booked whilst the nursery is temporarily closed and will be issued with a credit note. Thanks in anticipation of your patience in waiting whilst we get these prepared!

I'm pleased to report that most of the staff are now feeling so much better. You may find it reassuring to know that in addition to our own return to work procedures to check that they appear healthy enough to return, that the Test and Trace system has also been in regular contact with staff who have been unwell and has completed its own assessment on their last day of isolation. At time of writing all staff who have reached their return-to-work date have been given the official all clear.

We have been considering whether there are any additional steps we can put in place to ensure that the risk of transmission remains as low as possible. We hope to increase our use of natural ventilation by keeping the windows open more. Although the weather is milder, it will of course impact on the room temperature, so please could we ask that you perhaps add an extra layer of clothing for times when your children are not moving about as much.

We hope that those of you who have been unwell are all on the mend now too – thank you for keeping us updated.

Thank you so much for the support which you have shown to the staff team. They are looking forward to seeing you all again soon

Yours sincerely

Karen Mawson

CEO

On behalf of the Trustees of York Childcare.