

## **school statement of current position as of 1 June 2020**

After listening carefully to Government advice and that of Durham County Council, the Governing Body have decided to continue to only offer emergency childcare arrangements for critical workers and vulnerable children from 1 June 2020.

Taking into account the age of the children, the space available, the washable resources we have, the space young children require, the necessity for additional cleaning and of course the level of staffing I have, the Governors and I have agreed to continue to provide childcare as we have been and delay the wider opening to all children in the interests of safety and well being of children, families, the wider community and of course, staff. Our advice is that all other children where possible, should still remain at home.

In line with scientific findings from the SAGE Report, which claims that the longer we delay the wider opening of schools, the safer it will be, we are anticipating broadening our intake from 15 June. This **may** include children of non-critical workers, should parents choose to send them back. It continues to remain parental choice and no one will be penalised for keeping their child at home.

The Headteacher and Governing Body will re-consider the school's position for 15 June 2020 and will post an update closer to the time.

Until then, my staff will continue to make contact with you all, post additional updates on our closed facebook page to encourage 'learning at home' and look for new ways to communicate with families. Watch out – we may even come and wave at you through the window, or over the garden fence! We really have missed every single one of you.

Until then, take care and stay safe.

Becky x