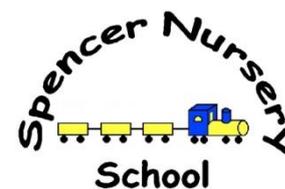


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8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Plan to fully re-open the nursery school from 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

As you may be aware, on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020, the Prime Minister announced plans for wider opening of educational settings from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, which included early years and childcare settings being asked to take steps to prepare to welcome back all children that require childcare.

In our first phase of wider reopening from the 1<sup>st</sup> June, we reopened to a limited number of pupils in the three rooms: Ladybirds, Bumblebees and Fireflies. We were able to allocate places to all those who had formally requested a place by the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

After review of our risk assessment and practices, and in line with government guidance '*Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus outbreak*', we are now planning to reopen as fully as possible from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Once we reopen fully from the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020, parents will need to pay their full fees from that date.

We will continue to follow government guidance and parents/carers should note that there will be some amendments to our usual daily routines to ensure that we put in place the requirements specified by the government. For example, meals will be provided in sittings for any children who usually eat in the Family Room (Bumblebees and Fireflies) and there will not be shared use of outdoor learning spaces between groups.

As per the guidance, early years providers are expected to ensure that there are no more than 16 children in a single group. In Ladybirds and Bumblebees, there are only ever a maximum of 12 children in attendance on any day. In Fireflies, there are usually a maximum of 24 children in attendance on any day; therefore, for Fireflies we will utilise The Training Room and The Family Room for one group of 8 children and the usual Fireflies classroom space for 16 children.

In line with government guidance, we will use reasonable endeavours to deliver the learning and development requirements set out in the EYFS Framework at this time. However, the government recognises that these are exceptional circumstances and the priority at this time is keeping children

safe and well cared for. As far as possible, we will work to ensure that children will benefit from a broad range of educational opportunities.

Government advice does recommend that children should attend just one setting wherever possible and parents should be encouraged to minimise as far as possible the number of education and childcare settings their child attends.

As previously, children should not attend if they have symptoms of coronavirus or are self-isolating due to symptoms in their household. From 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020, all children and members of their households will have access to testing if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) – including children under 5. A negative test will enable children to get back into childcare or education, and their parents or carers to get back to work. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect other children and staff in our setting.

We have had one or two enquiries from parents, especially those whose children may have been due to leave to move on to starting school in the autumn, indicating that they may decide to give notice and cease their child's nursery place at this time. This is, of course, a personal decision. We would politely remind all parents that as per the terms and conditions of their contract, the notice period is 4 weeks. In this instance, we would ask you to let us know by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 if you intend to give notice not to return on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

We thank you again for your support throughout what is, and has been, an unprecedented period for us all.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of Governors

**Emma Walford**  
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