



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families are well during these very strange times.

I am writing to you to confirm the arrangements for children in Nursery for this half-term. Whilst the government have announced that schools are closed to MOST pupils, except for the children of 'critical' workers and those considered to be 'vulnerable', they have stated that school Nursery classes should remain open to all.

Communication from the DfE and others has not been as clear as we would have liked. However, the DfE have determined that Nursery provision is able to continue and that they deem this to be safe. Of course parents may have a range of different opinions on this subject and it is important that all views are respected. Schools have been 'closed' in order to protect children, staff and parents- to break chains of transmission and to reduce contacts between people. Attendance at Nursery is non statutory and parents are free to decide if they wish to access this provision.

**I can therefore confirm that our Nursery provision will now reopen to ALL children from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January- with a few extra important safety measures in place.**

Rather than having a morning and afternoon session, we will instead have one morning session for ALL children whose parents wish them to attend. This will enable enhanced cleaning to take place every day- amongst other important benefits. Owing to numbers, we can accommodate ALL children in one session- 8:30am to 11:30am. Children will have full access to their normal activities and provision during these sessions.

In order for us to ensure appropriate staffing, equipment and resources, we would now like all parents to confirm if they intend to accept a place under these arrangements. You can do this either by contacting Mrs Wilson on ClassDojo, by contacting the school office on 0151 4864106, via WhatsApp message on 07593549842 or via email [covidlead@middlefield.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:covidlead@middlefield.liverpool.sch.uk) It is extremely important that you inform us by 3pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January if your child will be attending or not.

As you will appreciate, this is an evolving situation and this plan may be subject to change dependent upon further Government or Liverpool City Council guidance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Wilson.

Kind Regards

Mr David Potter

Head Teacher