27th May 2020

Dear Parents,

Update on school opening

I write to you to set out the arrangements we have made to open Old Church from 1st June.

Before I set out these arrangements, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and co-operation since we had to close to the majority of children on 17th March. I know that this period has been challenging for many families, in particular when you have had to juggle work commitments.

In spite of everything that is being said in the media, I do not think that it is advisable to reopen fully at the moment. Our children are too young to be able to socially distance and we are not able to meet all the requirements because of the limitations of our building. **Therefore, Old Church will NOT be reopening to all children on 1st June.**

As you may be aware, we have remained open for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children since 23rd March and have been operating with smaller group sizes and additional hygiene and infection control measures. **We will continue to remain open just for this group until it is safe for us to take more children.**

First and foremost, it goes without saying that the safety of your child and our staff is our top priority. We are working hard, following the latest government guidance, to develop and implement a number of new ways of operating to limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within our setting.

I hope that I will have better news for you soon and that we will be able to welcome you all back.

Best wishes to you all

**Sarah**

Head Teacher