

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers of Nursery children

Re: Wider Opening of Sacred Heart

I hope that this letter reaches you all, and that you are in good spirits and are coping with the demands of the current situation. I know that being at home with a young child, day after day can be very draining and exhausting. However, I hope that you are enjoying this enforced family time together and are able to value this special, although very challenging situation.

Mrs Latham and her staff in Nursery are missing each and every one of our youngest children, and the day to day interactions with our Sacred Heart families. They send you all their very best wishes and have enjoyed reading about your home learning and seeing your photographs. Thank you for sending them in!

We have already opened our Nursery and school to those families who are key workers (and this will continue). In more recent weeks we have started to open wider to pupils in Reception and in Year One. We would have liked to extend our opening further, to include all Nursery children, however, we have decided, following a thorough risk assessment, that that this will **not** be possible.

We are **unable** to open our Nursery department further because:

- There are too many children to accommodate in a space which is not large enough
- We do not have any additional space where we can create further Nursery 'bubbles' and therefore we are unable to safely socially isolate our very youngest children from each other
- There are many Nursery pupils who attend on a part-time basis and this makes cleaning between sessions impossible to manage
- Bringing in more children would also mean that we would have many more adults on the school site at the start and end of the school day
- The safe handover of your child is of utmost importance to us and this would be difficult to carry out within the current situation

I understand that this decision may be very disappointing to you. I do hope that you will appreciate that we have made this decision in the best interests of you, your family and your child.

In the meantime, for those children who will be continuing their education at Sacred Heart next year, our Reception teachers will be carrying out doorstep visits over the coming weeks. They will be contacting you to arrange when they will be calling at your home to see you, and to introduce themselves to you and your child.

For those parents, carers and children who will be continuing their education at other schools, I would like to thank you for the time you have shared with us. It has been a privilege to have your child at Sacred Heart Nursery, for a very short and special time. We all wish you the very best for your child's next steps on their journey, wherever, this may be.

Kind regards,

Mrs C. Mason
Headteacher

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