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Dear Parents /Carers

**Update on our provision from Douglas Valley Nursery School during COVID 19**

I hope you and your children are keeping safe and well. Thank you for your continued support during the partial closure of our school. Following the announcement from the Prime Minister around the possible reopening of schools, if the 5 tests the government have set to ease lockdown are met, we continue to plan to extend our provision to more children from 8th June.

It is vitally important that we keep our families and staff safe during the COVID 19 pandemic, therefore, we will be starting with a phased approach to welcoming more children back into school. We will be offering limited places and will target children of critical workers and those identified as vulnerable at first. This extended provision for children of critical workers will begin from 2nd June. If you are returning to work as a critical worker, please contact the school office. Extended provision for children identified as vulnerable will begin from 8th June at the earliest.

As you can imagine it is an impossible task to ask young children to adhere to social distancing but we will be doing all we can to keep children, families and staff safe. Children will stay in small groups and the learning environments will be regularly cleaned. We are also considering staggered arrival and departure times and how to maintain social distancing outside school. We will update families whose children are attending on the systems we will be introducing to ensure the safety of children, families and staff in due course.

Please continue to check our website and Facebook site for regular updates and for ideas of how to support your child’s learning at home.

Yours faithfully,

Catherine Ardern