22nd June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the beginning of this month schools and early years settings were asked to begin welcoming more children back. When planning for further opening, our first priority must be the safety of children, families and staff. We have followed the government and local guidelines carefully and considered our own situation, as a result we began prioritising children of critical workers and those children identified as vulnerable. All of these families have been contacted and sessions available have been discussed.

From next week we will have 40 children attending sessions. Due to the need to keep children and staff in small consistent ‘bubbles’ to minimise the number of people each person comes into contact with and promote social distancing, we are now using all of our available space and staff. Therefore, unfortunately, it is extremely unlikely that we will be able to open the school to more children before the summer break. We understand that this is disappointing for many of you, especially for those children who are transferring to primary school. We would love to see them all together to say goodbye before they leave us, but in the current circumstances this is not possible. We are looking at ways we can mark the end of their time at Douglas Valley over the next few weeks and will be in touch. Please be assured that we are working with primary schools to ensure that they receive all the information to support your child’s transition into reception class.

You child’s key person will continue to contact you over the next few weeks. Further updates will be posted on our website and alerts sent through Facebook and Twitter, in addition we continue to provide activities for you to support your child’s learning at home. Please check our parent news and home learning sections.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Best wishes

Catherine Ardern

Headteacher