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Preschool and Link Club - Reopening

Dear Parent / Carer

Firstly, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your support and many kind words during this challenging period and I sincerely hope you are all safe and well. I have managed to keep in touch with many of you and have enjoyed seeing how you are spending extra family time together.

As I am sure you are all aware, the government has issued guidance for schools and childcare to begin to reopen from 1st June 2020. This plan involves 3-4-year-old children in early years settings, Reception class, year 1 and year 6 children, in addition to key worker and vulnerable children. The key to the plan is to create "bubbles" of children and adults to limit interactions and transmission of the virus, thus allowing known contacts to track and trace if there is an outbreak of the virus.

Having carefully considered the guidance and liaising with Mrs Muttock and the Multi-Academy Trust, it is with sincere regret that we have to inform parents that Link Club will not be opening in June. We as a provider have always had a strong working relationship with the school and are in agreement that it would be unworkable for us to maintain the bubbles created at school within our setting. It maybe possible having confirmed numbers to maintain bubbles of low numbers, but this would not be financially possible, as it would require more staff and very little income. We are unsure as of yet, when it may become possible to reopen and for us to return fully to work and help to support our wonderful children and families. We will keep you all updated and monitor the situation carefully in alliance with the school. This decision has not been taken lightly, but seeks to ensure the safety of all our children, families and staff. Currently, there is no date for when we are likely to open. There is more guidance expected and as soon as that supports the opening of wrap-around care we will ensure we work with the school to achieve this.

Preschool maybe able to open from 8th June, as we are a small setting that can be bubbled and isolate the children from the school. I have received messages from some parents to inform if they intend to return to preschool or not in June. Please can any other parents contact us to discuss this. I will be making phone calls over the next few days to clarify this with any preschool families that we have not heard from. However, we will be looking at operating shorter days and not opening from 8am until 6pm. It is likely we will mirror the school day, with slightly earlier and later start times. Please email fun4kids.childcare@gmail.com. To discuss any requirements and thoughts on this.

Keep safe and well and we wish to see you again very soon.

Regards

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