

13th January 2021

Ref: Parents of 0 – 2-year-old children

Dear Parents,

I hope that this letter finds both yourself and your family well at this unsettling time.

From the 6th January 2021 our School Nursery provision has been adjusted to a service for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. For this definition, please see the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision>

For children of critical workers, we will be continuing to offer a service from this date to ensure that these critical workers are able to perform their roles. For those parents wishing to use this service, please see my separate Q & A Document detailing the provision in School. Decisions on this provision will continue to be reviewed weekly.

Thank you very much to the parents who have enquired about the forthcoming month. As a school we are sorry not to have been more able to answer your queries promptly. However, we have been waiting on decisions taken by our Senior Management Team in conjunction with the Governors, following any Government announcements and subsequent detail that the school is required to follow, during this next lockdown period.

As I have already stated, the Governors and senior team have spent a significant amount of time reviewing the school's finances. They have done this with the assumption that April will bring some sort of sense of normality however, there is an awareness that this is by no means guaranteed. The school has also reviewed its expenditure and halted any non-essential spending.

The school needs to continue to realise as much of its anticipated revenue as is possible, in order to ensure that we can continue to operate as normal in the long term. However, these are exceptional times and the school wants to be as fair as it can be without jeopardising the school's future.

Whilst we are ensuring that we have a distance learning package for our children of three years and up, we recognise that this is not possible for our 0-2 year children. We therefore request a payment for 20% of the daily fee for each of your contracted days, until a time that your child is able to return to the Pre-Prep Nursery at Taunton School. With the hope to return to a full service as soon as is possible.

For children attending as normal, the full fee will be charged; in line with the school's fee policy. We plan to send an accurate bill at the end of January covering your session charges. In the meantime, if you wish to send a payment as usual we can hold this credit on your account. Please contact natalie.northover@tauntonschool.co.uk in the finance team should you wish to know your expected invoice amount.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support of the school in what is undoubtedly an incredibly challenging time for all. I hope that you feel that this level of fee reduction is fair and that this helps you at this time.

With best wishes,