

13th January 2021

Ref: Parents of 3 - 5 - year-old children

Dear Parents,

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

Please be assured that we are doing all that we can to welcome our families back into school ASAP and you should have received further communication yesterday inviting all the parents who wish to use our 3 – 4 year provision the opportunity to use our service, should you need it. For vulnerable children and those children of critical workers, we have continued to offer a normal service over the last five days, to enable those parents to fulfil their roles.

Thank you very much to the parents who have enquired about the forthcoming term. I am sorry that my team has not to have been more able to answer your queries promptly. However, as you can imagine 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 a sense of normality. The whole school senior team has also reviewed all expenditure and held back any non-essential spending. And, these are exceptional times.

We have ensured that you have access to a distance learning package for your child aged three years old and above. Fees for your child will therefore be reduced to a 20% retainer from the 6th January 2021. Please note that this 80% discount will be applied after your funding has been deducted which differs to summer 2020. If your child is attending the Nursery as normal, full fees will be charged.

I need to be clear that the school is continuing to face a significant challenge and therefore needs everyone's support. Thank you for your understanding, I hope that this reduction in fee will be seen as fair and that this will help to make life easier for you at this time.

Finance 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.

With best wishes,

Louise Leah