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Dear Parent/Carer

Initial Planning Stages: Reopening Schools

These are very challenging times and I would like to thank all of you for your patience and continued support. I am sure my colleagues in all settings will join me in saying that I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well.

All Head Teachers are currently involved in initial planning stages for children and young people returning to schools. There are many factors they will need to consider as part of planning for the academic year 2020/21.

These include:

- **Safe social distancing measures**

To keep your child as safe as possible they will be part of a small group (bubble). Your child will be in the same bubble each time they attend their setting.

- **The availability of staff due to those who may be shielding or self-isolating**

Setting leads need to ensure that ratios of adults to children meet legal requirements and keep children safe

- **Having staggered drop off and collections times**

It is important that contact for children and adults is minimised as they come and go from the setting

- **The frequency of cleaning**

It is essential that thorough cleaning is completed after and between each session

I would ask that you do not contact settings directly as staff will not be able to discuss your individual needs at this point. I will write to you again when we have more information.

I really appreciate your patience at this time as we aim to ensure that your child/ren are warmly welcomed, safe and happy in our settings when they return/start in August.

Kindest regards

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Head of Education