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Dear Parents,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on May 10th and the government's more detailed advice for childcare settings, our plan for a safe return is progressing at a steady pace. We expect to reopen our nursery from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, subject to no further Government changes and there being sufficient demand.

After todays Prime Ministers Announcement on 28th May and he confirms it is safe to reopen Early Years but again there is no concrete evidence for transmission of the virus between children.

Our approach to reopening Little Stars has been guided with safety and flexibility in mind, and we remain committed to a seamless transition from home to nursery for you and your children.

To secure our valuable nursery team's jobs, we now need to know your current and future childcare requirements and have been asking for you to let us know if your situation has changed and you either no longer need childcare or need to make a change to your original booking pattern.

We are aware that many other childcare providers will sadly not be reopening their doors meaning that demand will be high going into the new term too and we wish to reassure you that we will be prioritising places for our existing families.

As we move to this next important stage, we must remember that the virus has not gone away and we know that we have a particularly important part to play in ensuring our nursery is as safe as it can be for your child's return.





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Government guidance asks that you do not attend your nursery if you or anyone in your household have any symptoms of Covid-19.

Safety is always our priority and we will be taking the following measures and controls to help reduce the risk:

- Monitoring symptoms and undertaking temperature checks if children, staff and visitors on arrival
  or during the day at our nursery to ensure that those displaying symptoms of Covid-19 do not
  attend and measures are taken for them to return home and all necessary protocols are put into
  place to safeguard others.
- Putting in place some social distancing measures to reduce contact between different age
  groups and rooms without eliminating the care and support we give to the children as you can
  understand at this age it is exceedingly difficult.
- Continuing with our excellent personal hygiene practices with regular handwashing for everyone throughout the day.
- Continuing our robust cleaning practices with antiviral products in all areas of the nursery and carrying out more regular cleans on touch points and commonly used areas
- Reducing the number of visitors, we allow in the nursery.

We will be continually monitoring Public Health guidance, and reviewing our approach, to ensure our controls are as effective as they can be. We will let you know if there is a change to the risks posed, such as a notification of a confirmed case of Covid-19 in our nursery or a change in our approach.

I will be contacting you the week commencing 1st June to share some more details around re-opening of our nursery, explaining our safety precautions and confirming any specific information that we need you to follow.

We very much hope to be open from the 8th June, and we will inform you if there is a change to this plan.

We are at the moment prioritise vulnerable children and children of critical workers, then 3 and 4 year olds, in particular those who will be transitioning to reception in September,





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followed by younger age groups and temporarily capping our numbers as been suggested by the Government guidelines.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you and your children back and appreciate your patience and continued support as we prepare to reopen over the coming week, but should your question remain unanswered please contact me directly on my email manager@littlestars-daynursery.com.

Please look out for my execution plan very soon.

Warmest wishes,

**Reena Pharma**Nursery Manager