



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Nursery Closure due to Covid-19 affecting staffing levels**

I am afraid I am not writing on a Sunday with good news. Unfortunately, we have a high number of staff who have tested positive for Covid-19 and will consequently be absent for the next 10 days, unfortunately this does directly affect Nursery.

This unprecedented situation of high staff absence is putting an enormous strain on the operation of the school. Therefore, we are unable to re-locate staff into Nursery, or gain external cover, which leaves us with no choice but to close Nursery for the next ten days.

Therefore, all being well, we hope to re-open Nursery and return to normal routines on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Parents and Carers will be able to request learning activities for this period of time by emailing postbox: [postbox@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:postbox@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk)

To close Nursery for a period of time is a last resort and not a decision we have made lightly.

**Children who undertake 30 hours in Nursery**

At this point in time, we are able to run small group provision for the children that attend for 30 hours. They will be led by a support member of staff. These children can arrive and leave at normal times via the ramp as usual.

**We look forward to seeing all our Nursery children on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January.**

Yours sincerely,

T G Newton

Headteacher