

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Regarding Nursery Wider Opening**

The Government have made it very clear that they expect Primary Schools to offer normal opening sessions for all Nursery children during lockdown. They have stated that if a school does not offer normal Nursery provision then funding will not be allocated for the following Academic Year.

Therefore, Woodlands offers normal opening for Nursery children regardless of whether you are a critical worker or not.

I would ask parents to very carefully consider as to whether they take up a place for their child for the remainder of lockdown. Your child does not have to attend, it is parental choice as to whether you take up the place for your child at this time.

Walsall infection rates are still rising, between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January the rate of positive cases for Walsall per 100,000 doubled. During this time 2097 people tested positive in Walsall. Our local hospitals are feeling the strain and continue to see an increase in the number of people from Walsall admitted daily.

Despite stringent control systems in school I cannot guarantee social distancing for your child, due to the age of the children. I know that Nursery parents are aware of this situation because it is the lowest attending group of children in the school, currently only three Nursery children attend when their parents are working.

We would endeavour to do all that we could for any Nursery children that attended but it is important to note that staffing teams would vary daily because staff are on a rota system. It is also possible that children would be working in a different learning space and not their familiar nursery room due to groupings.

I thank all our Nursery parents for their continued support at such a difficult time, especially with home schooling. The Nursery staffing team are delighted with your interaction with the learning set and how you are getting to grips with Google Classroom and Tapestry.

The Nursery staffing team are here to help in any way they can, please just get in touch.

If you would like a daily place for your child then please email [postbox@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:postbox@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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