



13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent / carer

**Re: HIRST WOOD NURSERY SCHOOL RE-OPENING TO ALL CHILDREN**

Firstly, thank you for your support and words of encouragement over the recent days. We fully recognise how important school provision is at such a difficult time and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues and governors for their continued commitment, flexibility and dedication to providing a nurturing and safe environment for our children to attend whilst also supporting remote learning for those who are not in School.

Further to my letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> January regarding our decision not to offer provision other than to critical workers and vulnerable children, we now propose to open to the wider school population from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January. The guidance from the government remains that even parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can and this will also apply for people who are not critical workers. The fewer children in School means less transmission risk for all children, staff, parents and the wider community. With this in mind I would like to hear whether you would choose for your child to return to School so please email me at [Jayne.taylor@hirstwoodnsc.co.uk](mailto:Jayne.taylor@hirstwoodnsc.co.uk) to let me know your intentions. The staff teams, hours of attendance and class locations remain as they usually are. Sunshine Club before and after school provision continues to be available. For those parents who make the decision that their child will not return to School, the learning portal will be updated with weekly planning and teaching and learning ideas. The provision of free school meals will continue and we will advise the method that this will take e.g. vouchers or food parcels for collection.

If you do decide to return to School but your child is ill, or needs to self-isolate the usual absence reporting procedures will be applied, please let us know on the first day of absence and the reason why by ringing 01274 584368. If we do not hear from you we will contact you to ascertain the reason for absence.

We hope that you will appreciate that a great deal of thought and rigor has been applied to our health and safety perspective and the procedures for keeping everyone as safe as possible and the important part that parents and carers play in achieving this objective.

Stay safe and look after everyone, with kind regards

Jayne Taylor  
Headteacher