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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you will all appreciate that the current pandemic is causing difficulties across all sectors. As a school, we are juggling staff and pupil self-isolation and testing situations on a daily basis.

I have been in conversation with the Local Authority about how to proceed when we do not have enough staff available for work. I have agreed with Judith Harwood, that, due to a shortage of suitably qualified staff to maintain appropriate ratios of adults to children, the school's **Nursery will be partly closed next week.**

Next week's timetable:

Day	Morning Session	Lunch	Afternoon Session
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Open	Nursery will close at 12.00	CLOSED
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Open	If your child usually has lunch at Nursery, this will continue before the session ends. Please collect your child from the main entrance at 12.00.	CLOSED
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Open		CLOSED
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Open		CLOSED
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Open		CLOSED

*From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, sessions will return to their usual timetable unless you are otherwise informed.*

When Nursery is closed, it is closed to ALL pupils. ***If your child would usually attend a session that will be closed next week, it will not be possible to change their session.*** I appreciate this is very disruptive to parents and carers, but we are not in a position to staff the Nursery appropriately due to staff members having to self-isolate. The school is unable to provide other staff from elsewhere within the school for the same reasons and we simply do not have the available budget to pay for staff from elsewhere. We will not be able to keep your child safe with insufficient staff.

I am truly sorry that this has to be the case, but I hope you will understand the predicament of the school in the current climate.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs J Jones*

Head Teacher

