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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will know from the news over the past few days, Nursery Schools will be open as usual this coming week. Your child was due back to school on Tuesday 5th Dec. However, we have been given an extra day by the Dept of Education in order to plan and prepare for the children's safe return. **Therefore, your child will now return to school on Wednesday 6th January.**

There has been much debate online and, in the media, around whether this is the right decision for the safety of both children and staff and their families.

As a parent or carer, it is your decision whether you feel it is safe or not for your child to attend school. Also, as a parent myself, it is my decision whether I choose to send my own daughter to school, as we all attempt to protect our families in our own way, from catching Covid .

In my role as a Principal, I do not personally have the opportunity to make that choice for either your child or mine.

All staff in our school will be in work as normal as instructed by the government, to care for, educate and do our absolute utmost to keep your children safe as we always do, to the very best of our ability.

However, in my role as a Parent, I kindly request that you consider whether, at this stage, you feel it is appropriate for your family and your child, to send them back to school. If this is what you feel is best, then we will see you on Wednesday. If it is not, then we will look forward to seeing your child again soon.

Whatever you decide, please be assured that we will support your child and your family in every way we can at this very challenging time.

To inform us of any absence please email or telephone the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Corry".

Mrs Corry

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