



4th January 2021

Dear Low Hall Families

I do hope you have had a good break and that you are all well.

Thank you for your patience as we have worked out the capacity that we have for the next two weeks. We have looked carefully at the school's guidance, early years guidance and considered our team to keep them and your children safe. We have all had COVID tests. Many of our staff have children in schools, who are running reduced care so this has affected the capacity that we have for a full staff team all day.

We will be offering care to vulnerable and SEND children (two and three year olds) and day care to all families that normally use this provision (30 hours or paid day care for three and four year olds only, which would of course include key workers). We will be running breakfast club from 8am and this week we will only be operating until 4pm. Next week we hope to be able to run until 6pm, but this depends on staffing. Several members of staff are having to leave early to collect their children from school, as most schools are not running after school clubs even for key workers. We will know whether we can run after school club next week by Friday of this week.

However we will not be running the two year old and three year old sessions for those that normally only attend for three hours a day (unless they are part of the vulnerable or SEND group). We know that this will be the case until the 18th, but we will have to review this based on guidance closer to the time. We apologise to those families and we look forward to seeing you all again when it is safe to do so. We will be offering online learning through our Class Dojo app.

We know that this strain of COVID is transmitted very easily, so staff may now be wearing masks or visors when they work with children. As we are one bubble, if we get a positive result we will need to close for at least 10 days so the arrangements that we are making today may change very quickly.

If your child has any of the symptoms of COVID they must not come to school and you must get a test for them and inform us of the results as soon as possible.

Warm regards

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