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Dear Parent/Carer 8th July 2024

Re: New re-opening date in September

Our team return to work on Monday 2nd September 2024. The Monday and Tuesday are Teacher Training Days and we have lots of work to do, training to complete and meetings to attend during those two days.

The children were due to return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024. However, having just come out of a Programme of Works meeting with the contractors it is clear that they will need every spare moment to ensure that everything is ready to hand back over to myself at the end of Friday 30th August 2024.

Our team then need time to move the new furniture, resources etc into the newly refurbished learning zones and to put up the displays and have everything ready for the children coming back to school. They will not have time to do this on Monday and Tuesday due to things we have pre-booked and are statutorily required to do. After the incredibly challenging year we have all endured, I won't be asking anyone to come into school during their holiday period to set up these new learning zones.

As such, having taken advice from the Trust, I have decided to move one of our Teacher Training Days from Tuesday 7th January 2025 to Wednesday 4th September 2024 in order to give our team time to get prepared and organised with a much less stressful start to the year.

Therefore, the children will return to school on Thursday 5th September 2024. I hope you understand the reason for this decision and thank you in advance for your support for our team who have had an exceptional and exhausting year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross

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