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Dear Parents and carers

Following the government announcement on Monday evening, I am writing to confirm that at the current time our Nursery remains open as normal.

If you are choosing to keep your child at home at this time could you please e-mail stephanie.montgomery@newhallacademy.org to confirm your intention and provide us with an estimated timeframe of their absence.

I appreciate this is a difficult decision with government guidance and lockdown restrictions changing at such a rapid pace. However, it is important for us to anticipate attendance numbers in order to respond accordingly.

Maintaining safe practise

I would like to reassure you that we will continue to update our Risk Management document in order to maintain as safe a working and learning environment for staff and pupils as possible.

In line with the current NHS and government advice, you should keep your child at home if they are unwell or develop coronavirus symptoms.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

If you think your child may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, or if your child receives a positive test result for coronavirus, please contact the school on 01279 351104 at the earliest opportunity.

Safeguarding and wellbeing support for pupils and families

We do not underestimate how difficult the recent weeks have been for us all and we all will have been touched in some way by the coronavirus pandemic. We recognise the need to focus on pupils' emotional wellbeing as well as their return to learning. The following support is in place for pupils once they return to Nursery.

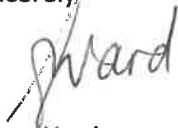
Children who are in Nursery will be supported by the staff member in their bubble group and as necessary by the SENCO and welfare support within the school office.

Parents may wish to seek support for themselves from the following support agencies:

- NHS and NSPCC websites
- Samaritans – call free 24 hours a day on 116 123
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline – call for free and confidential advice, 24 hours a day on 0808 2000 247
- Shelter provide free confidential information, support and legal advice on all housing and homelessness issues if you call 0330 0536 083 (please note, this is not a free phone number and your call will be charged). A free webchat is available at https://england.shelter.org.uk/get_help/webchat

If you have any questions please do not hesitate contact us.

Yours sincerely



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