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Dear Parents,

As you will no doubt be aware, the school is currently closed to all pupils whilst additional safety measures are put in place following the recommendations from the DFE about RAAC. We are awaiting temporary classrooms but in the meantime, looking at ways of accommodating all our children in the spaces we have available.

Our nursery classroom and early years is unaffected by RAAC. We only have 12 children in nursery each morning so we have made the difficult decision to move nursery to alternative accommodation for the next 3-4 weeks. This way we can accommodate a full class of 30 in the nursery space.

Father Morrough has kindly donated the use of The York Room next to St William of York Church on Lever Edge Lane. This is a lovely room with plenty of space for us. It has a kitchen for snack and a beautiful garden at the back that is safe and enclosed. We did a health and safety visit yesterday and we are confident that this will be a perfectly adequate alternative until our temporary classrooms arrive. Once they do, nursery will be back in their usual classroom and we can continue as normal.



We have arranged a removals van for Friday and the nursery furniture and resources will be moved up to the York Room. We will take everything we need and Miss Ashworth intends to deliver a full curriculum including all the usual routines.



The children should be dropped off at the York Room at 8.30am. As your child is due to be at nursery all day, our team of three staff will walk the three children who stay all day back to school at 11.30am. They will then have their lunch and join our Reception class for the afternoon. They will work in the Reception classroom but with a nursery member of staff who will deliver their bespoke curriculum. They will be well looked after by our dedicated team.



Drop off: The York Room at St William's Church at 8.30am

Pick up: Outside Reception class at school 3.15pm



We appreciate that this drop off may be difficult if you have other children at school and we will totally understand if older children are a little bit late.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but not offering nursery provision was never an option for us. We are very grateful to the parish community for so generously giving up this facility for our use.



We appreciate your support and understanding as we navigate this complex situation Miss Ashworth and the team are very much looking forward to seeing all the children's smiling faces next Monday.

Mr Gareth Smyth

Chair of Governors

Mrs Clare Lightbown

Head Teacher