

Stepps Primary: *Growing Together, Learning Together, Achieving Together.*

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, the nursery will take up residence in their new temporary accommodation for a six week period from Monday 10th May. The nursery decant will take place over the weekend beginning Friday 7th May in preparation from the children returning on Monday 10th May. This nursery will operate in the temporary premises until the end of the current school session.

Our aim is to ensure the transition for children is as smooth as possible and that they continue to have the same opportunities in our exciting new space. We have already started to discuss the temporary move with the children and they will have the chance to visit their new temporary 'home' this week.

**Nursery Areas**

The space allocated to us in the new area will consist of 2 large rooms and a multi- purpose room. There will also be a central cloakroom area.

**Room 1 - Physical Play Room**

This will contain equipment and activities to help children climb, crawl, roll, jump and use their energy, This area gives children the chance to develop gross and fine motor skills, learn new things and socialise. Unfortunately we will not have any outdoor space, however, children will be able to access the pitch, Bluebell Park and the forest area at the side of the school for outdoor play.

**Room 2- Numeracy and Literacy**

This room will contain the maths, literacy, dressing up and other play areas e.g house area. This is where children will begin to learn by doing things for themselves, by exploring and investigating, watching and listening, talking and discussing, creating, and communicating - in other words, playing.



**RESPECT KINDNESS TRUST HONESTY**  
**EFFORT FAIRNESS CONFIDENCE**



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LEARN  
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### **Room 3 –Multi Purpose Room**

The multi purpose room will be a messy play area. Children will also eat their snack here. This is where children will explore, experiment with different objects and raw materials such as sand, water, chalk, paint, play dough or paste, children's imaginations can run wild and they can spend a long time exploring these, making their own discoveries, stimulating their curiosity and developing their knowledge. With messy play, the sensory experience also helps children to understand their senses. By exploring how things feel, smell and taste, this type of play nurtures an awareness and understanding of the world that surrounds them.

### **Drop Off**

From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May nursery children will enter through the previous Cultural Centre doors. There will be a member of staff at the doors from 8.45am to welcome the children. Other staff will be available to help children with jackets and escort them to their area. In keeping with Covid-19 safety guidance, parents/carers are not permitted to enter the building. If you arrive late, please take your child to the main school office. A member of our office team will alert the nursery and a member of the nursery team will come to the main doors to collect your child. To keep all of our pupils safe and secure, the doors into the nursery will be locked down once all children have entered the building.

If your child brings a bike or scooter to school, these can be left in the alcove to the left of the Cultural Centre doors.

### **Pick Up**

At the end of the day, the children will exit through the Cultural Centre doors. Staff will operate the same exit procedures as they do at present. We would ask all parents/carers to stand as far back from the exit doors as possible. Staff will call parents/carers forward as the children are brought to the door. Please move away from the doors as quickly as possible once you have collected your child. **2m social distancing should be maintained at all times and parents/carers should continue to wear a mask in school grounds.**

If you also have a child in P1-P3 to collect, we would ask you to continue to make your way to the pitch to pick them up. **Please do not wait in the area outside the Cultural Centre as we need to keep this area clear to ensure the safe exit of over 200 children.**

### **Early Pick Up**

If you need to pick your child up before the nursery session ends, you will need to go to the main school office. The office team will notify the nursery and a member of staff will bring your child along to the main school doors.

### **Telephone Contact**

If you need to speak to a member of the nursery team, please phone the school office and your call will be transferred as normal.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and children for their continued patience and support. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the new temporary premises on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

We are sure the children will be very excited about their new nursery accommodation. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email:

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Yours sincerely

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