



11th January 2021

Dear Nursery Parents and carers,

Late last week, we received updated guidance from the DfE and it has been made very clear to us that nursery classes in schools are allowed to fully open.

I am now looking carefully at updating our risk assessments to make sure we continue to keep all of our staff, children and their families as safe as we possibly can.

To assist us with this, could you please email soffice@stmarysjarrow.co.uk by **12 midday on 12th January** to indicate whether you will be sending your child back to Nursery when we re-open. Having an idea of actual numbers will greatly assist us in assessing levels of risk, resolving whether it is safe to open the provision to all Nursery pupils and making sure necessary control measures are in place.

Once I have this information, I will contact you all to let you know when we will reopen.

The Guidance states '*Parents and carers should be encouraged to limit the number of settings their child attends, ideally ensuring their child only attends the same setting consistently.*' For children who attend more than one Nursery, we will need to look closely at the system of controls in place to mitigate risk, working with the other setting to achieve this.

I understand many of you may have concerns or individual queries, given the current local rates of infection. As always, we are more than happy to discuss any of these.

Please note that the rest of the school remains closed to all but vulnerable and children of critical workers.

Thank you for all your support and kind words to us during this very challenging time.

Mrs Tumelty
Acting Head of School

