

22nd January 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Due to a late change in Government guidance after lockdown began, our Nursery and Tiny Seeds provision is now fully open. We originally planned for the provision to be run in line with our understanding that EYFS children would be under the same guidance as the rest of school. However, this is clearly no longer the case.

In Reception and above, we are working to guidance that states children must be kept at home wherever possible and numbers in school receiving face-to-face teaching should be kept to an absolute minimum. These children are either vulnerable or those of critical workers. We are hugely disappointed that the regular changes to expectations and guidance in EYFS is making it increasingly challenging for us to plan ahead and communicate in the way we usually would.

Since guidance changed on 7th January, the number of children attending our provision has been steadily increasing and we are now no longer in a position where we can offer smaller class sizes. Our aim has always been to keep our children and staff as safe as possible whilst at school therefore we have taken the following decisions.

These changes will be in place from Monday 25th January.

- Tiny Seeds and Nursery will remain as one bubble but Tiny Seeds children will be in their classroom for their sessions. **Please be aware that there will still be approximately 20 children present for some Nursery sessions (dependent on attendance).**
- All Tiny Seeds and Nursery staff will be in school full time, working across the bubble as normal.
- Dinner times will return to 11.10am. **This means children who arrive at 11.40am will need to return to eating lunch at home please.**
- Drop off and pick up arrangements and times will remain the same.

If your child is currently attending but due to our increasing numbers, or your personal circumstances changing, you wish to keep them at home you have a right to do so. Please just let us know. If your child is currently attending and you have any further questions regarding this letter, please email EYFS@bradfordacademy.co.uk or call us on 01274 256789.

We would like to thank you once again for your understanding that we are doing everything we can in this ever-changing picture to keep your children as safe and happy as possible.

Yours Faithfully

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