

To our Dear Nursery Parents,

We all hope you are very well?

I am writing to you with some very sad news. **The scheduled Nursery 'Check in and Catch up' from Monday 29th June has been cancelled by Flintshire County Council, for all Nursery Children before the Summer break.**

Despite our best efforts the reasons given for the council decision, which has the full support of the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council/Cabinet Member for Education, are that Nursery children will be unable to maintain social distancing. Also their need for more hands on/intimate care for our very young pupils which supports their wellbeing, is greater and therefore increases the risk. Given the Covid 19 crisis, we cannot place your children nor our staff at any risk with regards to Health & Safety. I know, as we are, for the parents and children who had asked to come back, it will be hugely disappointing for you. As we were so looking forward to seeing you all but we will have to wait for you to come into school in September.

However, all is not lost- we at team Westwood still want to be able 'SEE' you all before the Summer. Mrs Ryan and her team had a fabulous idea to 'Check in and Catch up' with ALL of you online via Zoom!

Zoom is an online platform that allows a two way communication - you can see the teachers and they can see you! They thought it would be lovely idea if they could have a virtual 'Check in and Catch up' with your child this way and it allows your child to chat along to Mrs Ryan and her team! You will need a device with a camera and microphone, and you then download the app. They will be sending out more information and an invitation to join them on Zoom very soon.

Mrs Ryan and Team Westwood are also preparing Nursery to Reception transition activities for you and your child too. As Covid 19 is in the community, we cannot have our usual induction meetings or tours on site at this time. I know they are being very creative and will be in touch soon with information about transition, which will include information packs and a virtual tour. More details will follow!

Again, we are sorry we won't get to welcome you back before Summer but I know you will support this decision as it has everybody's wellbeing and health & safety at its core.

Please look out for the information for your child's virtual catch up on ZOOM and details about Nursery to Reception transition events too.

Take care all and stay safe,

Team Westwood 😊