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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm writing to you to let you know some of our plans ready for September. I still have no further information about what September will look like and when we are able to start visits to school, but it is something that I am thinking about all of the time and as soon as I have clarification of government guidelines I will let you know.

As you know, at the moment we are running separate nursery and reception classes. Moving forward into September we are going to operate an Early Years Unit. It is really important to note that this in no way means that both sets of children will simply be taught the same sessions or simply share all of the same experiences. While all children in our Unit will learn in the same environment and share elements of their provision, our Reception-aged children will be taught separately for their Phonics, Maths and English sessions, re-joining the unit for the rest of their curriculum. This approach has been incredibly well thought out and planned and has been based on the model used by other successful and established Early Years Units. The unit will be led by Miss Rickaby and Miss Sanderson with the full staffing of the unit arranged over the coming weeks when we have our final numbers.

We are very excited about this move and have lots of plans and ideas of how we will make this unit a real success. I am very aware that the current nursery children, moving into reception, have had very little in the way of transition to school life and so this plan will ensure that we are able to offer yourselves and the children a really comprehensive program of transition to ensure that the children start their school careers with a really happy, positive experience. The children starting our nursery provision will also be given a transition program that will meet their needs and ensure that you, as parents, feel happy in the knowledge that your child is well catered for. Over the next few weeks myself and Miss Rickaby will be in touch to deliver starting school packs and surprises.

Another question, in fact the first ever question I was asked when starting in September, is will we be able to offer 30 hours of childcare provision. As you know it is something that I am trying really hard to put in place. I am still working on it; however, I am more confident than ever that by January 2021 30 hours will be something that Christ Church will be able to offer. Any parents who are unsure about their eligibility for 30 hours provision can check this on the Government's Childcare Choices website (www.childcarechoices.gov.uk). If that is something that you are interested in starting from January please let us know as we are currently collecting numbers and creating plans. We will be providing more detailed information about the organisation of the school day for those children who will be in our Early Years Unit in September 2020 but should anyone have any questions about this positive step for Christ Church, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Mrs L Bradford
Headteacher

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