Dear Parent,

Merging of Busy Bees centre

Since the introduction of the government’s strategy of closing schools and nurseries, many of our centres across the country remained open supporting vulnerable children and the children of Key Workers in organisations who are in the front line in the fight against Coronavirus (COVID-19). In response to the government having introduced tighter controls on movement as a way of controlling the spread of infection and protecting communities we have reassessed our position.

The wellbeing of our staff teams, children who attend our centres and their parents remains our utmost priority and we will follow the expert advice on the best strategies to defeat the virus, which also means continuous reflection and development. As a response to the government strategy the numbers of children coming into our centres each day has now fallen significantly, and is far below initial forecast. Where we have centres close to each other, as is the situation for you, we have decided to merge centres, in an effort to protect our communities. The new merging arrangement enables us to respond to social distancing measures while linking expertise within the group and helping protect our own front line staff.

Social distancing is an important weapon in the fight against the virus and whilst your centre is merged it will only be operating at 50% capacity and so will still meet the government’s guidelines. In this way we are reducing the risk of infection and proactively protecting our staff and the children they care for.

Busy Bees are working hard to minimise disruption for everyone involved and recognise that you, other parents and staff might face a longer journey to your centre, however I hope you can see the reasons behind the move. We understand the inconvenience this may cause you however we are committed to providing fully functioning centres with the whole range of activities and support that children need and parents expect. The temporary merging of your centre will allow us to do this as well as maintaining the highest standards of hygiene and care in every centre.

We are also mindful that a change in routine can be unsettling for children so we are putting measures in place to ensure that whilst your centre is temporarily merged there will be a smooth transition. Children who move will as far as possible have staff who are familiar to them at their new location. Their learning logs and activity plans will remain the same and we are confident that through this move we can continue to deliver to the children the best start in life under these most unusual of circumstances.

If you have any questions about the new arrangement please speak with me, your Centre Director as I am happy to answer any questions you have. For all the latest news please visit our website and
dedicated Coronavirus page (busybeeschildcare.co.uk/coronavirus) which features helpful FAQ content and links to Government and legislative guidance. Thank you for your continued support and loyalty during these challenging times, our thoughts go out to all of you who have been affected by this unprecedented situation.

Please, take care of yourselves, your loved ones and your communities and thank you for working with us while we take care of our Busy Bees community.

Kind regards,

Centre Director at Busy Bees