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Dear Parents/Carers

Latest staff update

Following on from my message on 8th June, I can now confirm that our new Team Leader, Emma Kerr, will start next Monday 21st June. Senga Laurie has been fantastic as Acting Team Leader during this last few months and she will revert back to her role as Child Development Officer. Emma will be going through a process of induction and will be working throughout the summer to be involved in planning for the year ahead.

As I had already mentioned, Roberta Anderson is retiring at the end of term (last day being Thursday 24th June) and Claire Ralston moves on to another role within Glasgow (last day being Wednesday 23rd June). I can also announce that Jessica Woods and Chloe Sweeney, both child development officers, are moving on to other nurseries after summer. The reason for this is that Glasgow City Council are reorganising staffing to match term time staff with term time nurseries as much as possible. Langa Street Nursery is open for the whole year, and Chloe and Jessica work term time only. This move is no reflection at all on the fantastic support for our children over the years, and we will truly be sad to see them move on to other (very lucky!) nurseries. Chloe and Jessica's last days are also Thursday 24th June, although Chloe is currently on maternity leave for the rest of this year anyway. Finally, Lisa McCormick, child development officer has also accepted a new position within a primary school and will also have her last day at Langa Street on Thursday 24th June. Lisa's position there is a secondment for at least 1 year, so it is possible that Lisa may return in the future. Lisa's skills and experience have also been valuable to us over a number of years.

I expect to have news on who the new staff will be, and when they will be starting, in the next few weeks and will inform parents when I know. I can imagine many of you may see this as a lot of changes, and that there have been many changes this past year, however please be reassured that we can look forward to a period of stability ahead and you should have no doubts as to me and my team's commitment and passion to continue striving for Langa Street to be the best nursery we can be for you and your children.

On another note, I expect the latest guidance for nurseries from the Scottish Government regarding COVID-19 recovery today, and this will then enable us to plan for the coming year for things like groupings and bubbles of children, keyworker groupings and arrangements, parental access to nursery indoors and the organisation of the nursery environment indoors. There will be lots that I have to communicate over the summer, so you should expect to receive a number of emails from me with information. I am also working all summer, apart from a couple of weeks holiday, so you will be able to speak with me over the summer if you wish.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding as we have negotiated ourselves through these last months in the midst of a pandemic. I know that the rules we have on covid symptoms and staying off nursery, as well as the lack of access to the nursery building and to the reduction in frequent extended discussions with staff have had an impact on parents and carers. I hope you also feel, as I do, that we can look ahead with optimism and confidence.

Yours sincerely,

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