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Beyond 0 – Nursery Parent and Carer letter – August 2021

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Dear Parent or Carer,

Back to Nursery arrangements – August 2021

During the last 18 months I've promised to keep families updated on the Scottish Government's advice and guidance for schools and nurseries to help manage the spread of the virus.

I'm delighted to welcome back our children and young people to schools and nurseries as the country moves to Beyond 0 from Monday 9 August and the removal of many of the restrictions that we have all been living with during the pandemic.

However, the Scottish Government has decided to keep in place most of the restrictions that have been in place in our schools and nurseries for up to six weeks of the new term.

We are now in a much more positive place and although some of the restrictions will remain for a few weeks, I'm sure you will agree that it's good news that our nurseries will no longer need to operate the 'bubble' small group system and that whole 'bubbles' will not be asked to self-isolate if someone in the nursery tests positive for COVID-19. In addition, children under five will not be required to self-isolate if they are deemed to be a close contact. However, this will continue to be the case with adults, so there may be times when staffing is affected so we ask for your continued patience if your nursery is impacted.

For your information, I've attached a letter from the Director of Public Health which gives clear advice on what families need to do if their child test positive or their child is identified as having prolonged contact with someone who's tested positive for the virus.

One of the major changes is that our schools and nurseries will no longer be involved in contact tracing and this will all be done via Test and Protect.

This has been an extremely tough and challenging year and I would once again like to take the opportunity to thank you and your family for your resilience and support as we've navigated through this time.

It is now time for our schools and nurseries to do what they do best and continue to support Glasgow's children, young people and their families as we reconnect and recover from the pandemic and look forward to a much brighter future together.

You can read the full, updated Scottish Government guidance at
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-learning-and-childcare-services/>

Yours sincerely

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