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Dear Parents,

In light of the new Public Health Update issued from the HSE, we are amending our policy for your information. It is in our best interest to keep the children and staff members protected from Covid-19, so it is really important that the following procedures are followed. Covid-19 cases are rising again nationally so these guidelines will be in place within Ray of Sunshine until further notice.

Please read the following if you are intending to travel abroad. We understand how important it is to have childcare options available to you, so we have a couple of options available to choose from. You will need to ring the office also when making your booking to confirm which option you have chosen. The options are as follows:

Option A

If childcare is needed immediately after arriving back from your holiday, a negative PCR test from the child/children will be required along with showing the parent/parent's/guardian Digital Vaccination Certificate to a member of staff.

Option B

If your child is showing no symptoms of Covid-19 72 hours after arriving back from holidays, your child can return to their service along with showing the parent/parent's/guardian's Digital Vaccination Certificate to a member of staff.

- ** Please note, if one parent or guardian has to self-quarantine after returning from abroad, the child/children must also self-quarantine with them and not return to the afterschool.
- ** If your child is over the age of 12, proof of the negative PCR test taken 72 hours before arriving in to the country will be required along with showing the parent/parent's/guardian Digital Vaccination Certificate to a member of staff.

We would like to thank you all for adhering to the procedures and guidelines to date and we hope that we can continue to minimise the spread of infection as much as possible.