



CSG Playgroup Newsletter

29th May 2020



Updates this week

Dear Parents

We hope you are enjoying the glorious weather and getting outside and enjoying nature.

We wanted to update all parents on how we are planning for our return. As I am sure you are aware these uncertain times have been challenging for most. At Chalfont st Giles preschool we are working non stop from home on the return of the preschool. With this said I am sure you can appreciate the excruciating decisions I have had to make, and one of those is determining how we work out our phased return to the setting.

Please note **ALL parents who requested places have been contacted**, this information is being shared so that all parents are "in the loop". We will continue to update you with any progress and plans for the future and we hope to see lots more of you back with us soon.

NURSERY CHILDREN

First and foremost your children who attend the nursery, you should by now have some sort of idea on when and if the children are being welcomed back in June to Chalfont St Giles nursery school. Due to the fact that the children are dual setting users we are **unable to offer a space at first**, as we have to minimise the risk of cross contamination. We are following government guidelines and will hopefully be able to offer more hours in due course.

I appreciate all of your support through these uncertain times and I look forward to welcoming you all back soon.

ALL OTHER CHILDREN

I am proposing a phased return to preschool starting from 8th June 2020. This will be on shorter hours from 9-12 five days a week! Yes that's right we are starting Fridays. This is all subject to meeting the five points set out by the government.

The reasons of the shorter hours are due to being a setting where we do not have the facilities to supply lunches we are reducing the risk of spread of COVID19 by offering a start of mornings first. This will be assessed regularly to maintain a high level of safety for staff and children. Following government guidelines and with the assistance of Buckinghamshire Council we have put in place some new rules and regulations to keep us all safe. These are as follows:

- I have reduced the number of children a day to 12 maximum **(THOSE WHO REQUESTED A PLACE HAVE ALL BEEN CONTACTED)**
- Children will be split into smaller bubbles with an adult per 4 children.
- No soft toys will be used, nor any materials which are not easily cleaned i.e, play dough and sand etc.
- I will endeavour to keep the same children with the same adult in a bubble, through the week to adhere to the governments guidance on social distancing.
- I will be allocating toys to each bubble to ensure the toys are not shared between groups.
- Each bubble will have allocated areas at the setting 1. The cabin, 2. The garden, 3. The meadow. We have two staff to support all groups.
- Hand washing and toileting needs will be met by the adult in charge of the group of children.
- Snack times will be separate for each group.
- The setting will be cleaned before and after each session to a high standard.

- Ppe is provided for staff where needed. (Staff are not required to wear a face mask)
- bags and toys from home are prohibited.
- Adults will be asked to adhere to social distancing rules when dropping off or collecting children. (More info to follow on this procedure)

I hope this is all clear information for you all to make that final decision on returning back to preschool for the rest of the term.

If you have any question please contact me via email: csg.manager@outlook.com

REMINDER to contact playgroup please call 07960278409

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/csgplaygroup/> we share ideas and updates on here too.

Our website is also a great source of information. <https://csgplaygroup.co.uk/>

Please see below ideas for activities for this week.

Take care and stay safe

The CSG Pre School Playgroup Team

PRE SCHOOL OUTDOOR LEARNING IDEAS

Here are some links to some lovely outdoor learning activities

<https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/44-preschool-outdoor-learning-ideas/>

<https://www.naturallylearning.co.uk/50-outdoor-activities-toddlers/>

We would love to see your photos of activities – so please continue to upload onto Tapestry.