



# CSG Playgroup Newsletter

3rd July 2020



## Updates this week

Dear Parents

Firstly, we would like to say thank you to those parents who attended the Zoom EGM on Wednesday, your support is really appreciated. Many thanks for your kind words, it was lovely to hear that your children are happy and enjoying being back with us at pre-school. Lindsay Turner is now the official Chair Person, we welcome her to the trustees and the pre school team. If you would like to be involved and join the trustees then please do speak to Lindsay or Tania. We are always looking for new members to help with fundraising events.

### SUNCREAM

Please make sure your children are wearing sun cream, even when it's not really hot children are still exposed to the UVA rays.

Please see below the 2020/21 term dates, allowing you to plan ahead for the next academic year.

Please be advised we are opening 9-3 Monday to Friday from September.

### CSG PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP TERM DATES 2020/21

Our term dates are in line with CSG village school.

Term	Open on morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Autumn	Thursday 3rd September 2020	Friday 23rd October 2020
	Monday 2nd November 2020	Friday 18th December 2020
Spring	Tuesday 5th January 2021	Friday 12th February 2021
	Monday 22nd February 2021	Friday 1st April 2021
Summer	Monday 19th April 2021	Friday 4th June 2021
	Tuesday 8th June 2021	Wednesday 21st July 2021

### In-Service Training days for staff (INSET Days for staff training):

- Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2020
- Monday 1st June 2020
- In addition to dates above CSG Pre School Playgroup will be closed on Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May 2020 (May Bank Holiday TBC)

- In addition to dates above there will be two INSET days on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July.

Transition Day – Tuesday 7th July 2020

### Funding and Forms

#### Free early education and childcare

In England some 2 year olds and all 3 and 4 year olds are eligible for 15 hours free early education and childcare. In addition some 3 and 4 year olds are eligible for up to an additional 15 hours. This is for 38 weeks a year but may be stretched to enable you to claim less hours over more weeks.

The date in which your child can start claiming 15 hours of free childcare depends on when their birthday is:



#### Child's Birthday

1 January to 31 March

1 April to 31 August

1 September

#### When you can start claiming

Summer Term (from 1 April)

Autumn Term (From 1 September)

Spring Term (From 1 January )

Funded places are available through a range of providers including Childminders, Pre-schools, Day Nurseries, Maintained Nurseries and Schools with nursery classes or earlier years provision who are approved by Buckinghamshire County Council to deliver funded places.

[Find more information about participating providers in your area.](#)

What is 2 year old funding?

Based on a range of criteria the funding gives your child up to 15 hours a week of learning opportunities in a play based, safe and nurturing environment. This gives your child the chance to mix with other children and perhaps try out activities which may not be possible at home. It also gives you, the parent, 15 hours a weeks to study, return to or look for work.

[Find more information about 2 year old funding](#)

[Check your eligibility](#)

What is 3 and 4 year old funding?

Universal 3 and 4 year old funding

Every child that is 3 or 4 years old is automatically entitled to 15 hours of free childcare the term after their 3rd birthday. As for 2 year old funding, this can only be accessed at approved childcare providers.

Extended 3 and 4 year old funding

The additional 15 hours funding is also known as the '30 hours free childcare'. This is an extension of the 3 and 4 year old funding, but unlike the universal entitlement you must match the eligibility criteria. If you are found to be eligible you will be given a validity code to enable to claim up to an additional 15 hours from a Buckinghamshire County Council approved provider.

[Check if you are eligible for the additional 15 hours funding at 3 and 4 years old.](#)

## **Transitions**

This week the home learning tasks are focusing on transitions.

Transitions are important for children whether starting nursery, moving up to the next room or moving on to school. These periods of change can provide exciting opportunities and new challenges for them. From experience, we know the way such transitions are handled can have a significant impact on children, in both the short and long term, accelerating progress but, more often, hindering it when children and the new provider are unprepared. Working in Partnership with parents and the new setting will ensure children are supported effectively to develop confidence, manage their feelings, behaviour and understand the changes they will experience. Effective transitions are crucial at all times but during the Covid 19 Pandemic children have already experienced an unsettled period that would usually have been a consistent. Below are some ideas and resources to help with transitions and getting school ready.

Community Play Things with Margaret Hooton have put together some songs to support transitions through the day for settings.

<https://www.communityplaythings.co.uk/learning-library/articles/singing-through-transitions?source=pal173>

[https://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/School-nursing/Getting\\_Ready\\_for\\_School.htm](https://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/School-nursing/Getting_Ready_for_School.htm)

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/spotlight-on/being-school-ready/>

<https://earlyyears.buckscc.gov.uk/media/47310/200623-jh-getting-ready.pdf>

<https://earlyyears.buckscc.gov.uk/media/47311/200623-rmhs-mini-me-transitions.pdf>



<https://earlyyears.buckscc.gov.uk/media/47312/200623-transition-lah-hea.pdf>

Take a look at this new website <https://www.eyfshome.com/>

Is a website being supported by a Government grant from June to September 2020 Every day they post easy to access activities all linked to the EYFS framework.