



Playwell Pre-school Newsletter

September 2020

Dates for this term

Last Day of term – Friday 23rd October

Back to school – Tuesday 3rd November

Photographer – Friday 20th November

The new term and new guidance

WOW! What a year it has been so far, we thank you all for your support over the last 6 months and it's great to see you all back – we missed you!

We are also welcoming lots of new friends this term too.

Things look a little different at Playwell and we are usually very welcoming and love to chat with you, but the way we do things has had to change for the time being.

At the start of the morning session, we are inviting 1 parent per child into the setting to drop your child off. The doors are open from 9-9.20am and you and your child must sanitise your hands upon entering the setting.

As we are limiting the number of adults we have in the setting, we ask that you drop your child into Playwell as quickly as you can, unless you are settling your child, as other parents are waiting outside to bring their children in.

We are also asking that you do not leave your buggies and scooters at Playwell, we are trying to avoid as much non-necessary contact with items as possible.

Can you please provide your child's lunch into a plastic lunchbox so that we can clean it with antibacterial cleaners. We also provide milk or water at lunchtime, so you don't need to provide drinks bottles.

Usually we would leave your child's work out on the table for you to collect. We are now giving you your child's work in a plastic bag at the end of their week. This is to avoid as many people touching the work as possible.

If anyone in your household has tested positive for Covid 19, you must get a test and tell us the results. Please do not bring your child in if they have any symptoms – cough, high temperature etc. We must protect our Playwell community and their families.





To keep updated of any outbreak, please check the website and facebook.

You may well have noticed that we haven't had some toys available for the children to play with. Following Government guidelines we are unable to have

- Playdough
- Sand
- Cooking
- Dressing up
- Lego/stickle bricks (due to intricate parts and being difficult to clean)

We are also unable to have our rugs for the home corner and book corner and materials to decorate the tables.

Children's practice has changed too. Hand washing has always been a big part of our day, after using the toilet, before eating and after messy play. Children are now encouraged to wash their hands at these times as well as before storytime and after playing outside. Hand sanitiser is used before food and before going home.

Occasionally you may see the children playing with baby clothes, please be assured that they are washed at the end of the day.

All toys are cleaned or sprayed with antibacterial spray at the end of each session before putting away.

We have also had to postpone any outings that we had planned and we will be keeping an eye on what we can do at Christmas.

We are reviewing our practices regularly.

A couple of reminders

If your child is staying for lunch, we ask that it is a healthy lunch with no sweets. You do not need to provide a drink as we have milk and water available. No peanut butter and no nuts as we have children with allergies and could we also ask that grapes and tomatoes are cut in half as they are a choking hazard. If your child has a yoghurt in a pot please provide a spoon.

Please name your child's coats, jumpers and cardigans as, when the weather gets colder, we will be putting your child's coat on at home time.

All of the newsletters and letters that we give to you are on the website and weekly updates of the children's learning is posted on Facebook. Term dates and other important information is on the website as well as on the two notice boards. Please check them regularly, just in case you think that you have missed something.

Despite all the changes we hope that you all have an enjoyable term at Playwell.

Don't forget- we are available at all times if you have any concerns or worries regarding your child.

Thank you, The Playwell team

