

Goudhurst Village Pre-school



NEWSLETTER

22nd JUNE 2020

This week we will continue to have lots of fun, make sure all our children are secure and happy and we will be concentrating on promoting wellbeing. We will be spending a lot of time outside as the weather is set to be warm this week. Could you please make sure that your children have sun cream applied before arriving and that they bring a sun hat.

We will be continuing to prepare those children leaving for primary school for their transition in September and will be connecting with schools this week to share information. The pre-school will help where they can, to familiarise our leavers with what will be expected in the first few weeks of primary school and with the faces of those that will be their teachers and teaching assistants next year.

The setting will continue only be open to 3 & 4 year olds that have requested a place. We have had to prioritise this age group due to the size of our setting and staffing limitations. If you have a 3 & 4-year-old that you now want to return this term, please be aware that places are limited so please get in touch asap. We will not be accepting any further children after this Friday (26th June).

We are also looking for Trustees to join our team. If you or anyone you know is interested and would like to know more then please get in touch with Jayne Russell. (07766 553728 or jaynegvp@gmail.com)

If you have any queries/issues please make sure you speak to Jo Galloway in setting or on 01580 212777 / 07483 262753.

As well as Jo Galloway, our manager, your child's key worker and Zoe Bedford-Cooper, our business manager zoeggvp@gmail.com I am always available should you wish to discuss any aspect of your pre-school experience 07766 553728 / jaynegvp@gmail.com .

GENERAL NOTICES:

Grapes / Olives & Blueberries: Please remember to cut your grapes, olives and blueberries in four. This is the current Health and Safety guidelines. They can completely block a child's airway and this is the simplest way to take away this risk. Grapes should be cut length ways at a very minimum, but in four is recommended. The same applies to any rounded soft fruits / vegetables.

Nuts and sesame: Can we remind all parents that no nuts of any kind or sesame are allowed in your child's lunch in setting.

Sick Days: If your child is expected in setting and is ill and has to take a sick day then please ring the setting asap to let us know: 01580 212777 / 07483 262753.

For your Information:

Protective measures we are taking in light of coronavirus (COVID-19)

First and foremost, it goes without saying that the safety of your child and of our staff is our top priority. We are working hard, following the latest government guidance, to develop and implement a number of new ways of operating. This allows us to open as safely as possible, focusing on measures that will help limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within our setting.

Some of the steps we are taking in readiness for reopening include:

- Asking that anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who does, not to attend the setting. That includes children and staff who work here.
- There will be no more than sixteen children attending the setting (for the time being), with as much consistent staffing as possible.
- Cleaning our hands more often than usual. We have developed routines to ensure children understand when and how to wash their hands, making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly.
- Ensuring our children understand good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and ensuring a good supply of tissues and lidded bins throughout the setting.
- Implementing an enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day, including tabletops, door handles and play equipment.
- Asking parents and carers to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children and to limit drop off and collection to one parent or carer per household.
- We have implemented staggered drop off and pick up times and ask parents to queue by the play area fence opposite the ramp. They are called individually to the door and are asked to leave the area and not hang around outside the setting once they have dropped off. (the schedule of drop off and pick up times is emailed to those attending).
- Asking children not to bring toys or other items from home to the setting, unless this is essential to their health and wellbeing. This includes bags, only wipeable lunchboxes and a named water bottle is allowed, (as well as weather appropriate clothing, coat, sunhat etc).
- If your child develops symptoms of Coronavirus whilst in setting, they will be isolated on the decking and you will be called to collect your child immediately from the back gate and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. All other members of your household should also self-isolate for 14 days and you will be encouraged to get tested. If a positive test is confirmed, you should notify us immediately.

What can parents and carers do to help?

There are a number of things parents and carers can do to help us make these arrangements effective, in addition to the points listed above concerning arrival and departure and not bringing toys to the setting.

- If your child, or someone in your household has coronavirus symptoms, your child should not come to the setting.
- You should ensure you bring a named water bottle for your child and weather appropriate clothing.
- You should ensure you apply sunscreen before coming to setting as we will be unable to do this during the day.
- Children look up to their parents and familiar adults for guidance and reassurance so talking about their return to setting as a positive experience is paramount. Be mindful that any concerns you may have can be reflected in your child by conversations they have heard or simple body language.

Testing

Once early years and childcare providers open to more children, all children who are attending a childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. The aim is to enable children to get back to childcare, and their parents or carers not to need to self-isolate any longer than is necessary if the test

proves to be negative. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect other children and staff in their setting.

We ask all parents and carers to ensure they organise a test for their child in the event that they develop coronavirus symptoms and notify us immediately of a positive test. Further guidance is available about [getting tested](#).

I hope that this letter has given you the information you need to understand what arrangements we have made to enable children to return safely to setting.

We are look forward to getting back to normal as soon as possible but in the meantime, we are following all guidance and will update procedure and you as we are updated. For those that have been in setting and those 3 & 4 year olds thinking of coming back I hope that you are assured that we have taken all possible steps to ensure safety for all in our setting. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Many thanks,

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