

# Goudhurst Village Pre-school



## NEWSLETTER

10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022

We had a great first week back with all the children and had lots of fun and lots of laughter despite the awful weather and the cold. We managed to get out and about and the children went out on the field blowing bubbles which they really enjoyed.

Warm Coats – Could children please come into setting in a suitable coat for the weather. We go outside every day, enjoying many activities. Many thank in advance.

Forest School Area: We have now signed the license with the Diocese in order for us to start using the Forest Area again which is fabulous news. Thank you to Revd Rachel and her team who made this possible. As soon as we have risk assessed the area we are very excited for the children to start enjoying activities out there again.

AGM (Annual General Meeting) – This will be held next Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm via zoom. The link will be sent out in due course, but please join us to hear about what has been achieved in the last year and plans for the future. We look forward to seeing you there.

COVID-19 – Self isolation periods – From the 22<sup>nd</sup> December self-isolation periods changed for those that had a positive PCR test result. The self-isolation period has been reduced to 7 days. You must now take a lateral flow test on day 6 and 7 of the self-isolation period. If you get 2 negative results you no longer need to isolate for 10 days, The first of these tests must be taken no earlier than day 6 and the tests must be 24hrs apart. If you get 2 negative results and you no longer have a temperature your self-isolation period can end, and you can resume normal activities from day 8.

Covid-19 – Testing – Adults and children (aged 5-18) who are identified as close contacts of someone with covid-19 should take a lateral flow test every day for seven days and continue to attend setting, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Please see the following guidance for more information:

[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

Could we kindly remind parents and carers that we request masks be worn at drop off and pick up, please. This is to protect you, our staff and every one of our pre-school family. Thank you.

Apprentice – We are looking for an apprentice to enhance our team at Goudhurst Village Pre-School. If you or someone you know is interested, please get in touch asap: [jaynegvp@gmail.com](mailto:jaynegvp@gmail.com) or 07766 553728. We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Are you interested in becoming a Trustee at Goudhurst Village Pre-School? It is a fun way to be part of the pre-school and guide the setting to further success. You don't have to be a parent, but just someone with enthusiasm in making the setting the best it can be. If you or anyone you know is interested, please get in touch with Jayne Russell on 07766 553728 or email [jaynegvp@gmail.com](mailto:jaynegvp@gmail.com) for a chat or more information.

Pre-School Fee's – After lengthy discussion we have decided to increase pre-school fees to £5.75 from after Easter. (Summer term). With increasing cost of operations, including snacks, toys, books, crafts and another increase in minimum wage this will bring us more in line with local settings and allow to prosper. We hope you understand this decision.

Goudhurst Village Pre-School Closed Facebook Page: If you would like to keep up to date with what the children get up to during the day, please join our closed Facebook page where we post updates each week.

**Second-hand toys and clothing:** Thank you to all the parents that support our stall each week by donating or by buying. All donations we receive in the bucket go directly towards keeping our garden stocked and healthy, which in turn gives our children the knowledge and understanding of how things grow, We spend hours with the children in the garden and it is great to see them excited by growing their own things to eat. It is really important that children understand where things on their plate come from and how they grow, and we teach the importance of healthy eating. The garden is a fabulous learning environment, so please continue to support us by donating. A huge thanks to everyone 😊



If you have any queries/issues at all, 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](mailto:zoeggvp@gmail.com) I am always available should you wish to discuss any aspect of your pre-school experience 07766 553728 / [jaynegvp@gmail.com](mailto:jaynegvp@gmail.com).

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

**Nuts and sesame:** Due to the risk of anaphylaxis in setting can we remind all parents that no nuts of any kind or sesame are allowed in your child's lunch in setting as we have children who suffer severe allergies if they are in contact. This is to keep everyone safe. **NO NUTELLA OR PEANUT BUTTER PLEASE!**

**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.

**Parking:** Parking at the pre-school is limited so please be mindful of others and walk to setting if you can. Please **do not** park or block the driveway to the vicarage as it is in daily use.

**Sick Days:** If your child is poorly and you feel it necessary to give them calpol or any similar medication, or you are unsure if they are well enough to come to setting then as a precaution, we advise that they stay at home to rest, to protect both children and staff at setting and their wider families. There are a lot of winter colds going round at the moment, and if we can protect ourselves against the spread of these that has to be a good thing. 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.

Many thanks,  
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