



PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE CLUBS NEWSLETTER

July... This term will finish on Wednesday 21st July at 2.45/ 3.00, depending on your group, and we will return Monday 6th September 2021. As school closes at 1.00 on the 21st July please let us know if you are collecting your child at 1.00, if they usually stay with us all day. This does not apply to the children that only attend mornings on that day.

AGM... Once again we are not able to hold our AGM BBQ, so please see attached our Chairs report outlining last years actions and decisions. Chairs report [Here](#)

COVID 19 Guidance... As you know the government guidance is changing on July 19th and again on the 16th August. We have received some initial guidance for operating from September however believe there will be more to come over the summer, so rather than “muddy the waters” I will send out a revised Policy and Risk assessment over the summer. It does seem clear that we will not have to operate in separate bubbles as such, which enables us more flexibility with staffing. We will however continue to keep the cohorts of children in different groups as this is something which we feel has been a great benefit to the children.

We do also need a contingency plan if there is an outbreak of Covid 19 or new variants, which I will include in a policy also.

Early Years Foundation Stage 2021... You may or not, know, but this statutory guidance has been revised, and from September 2021 we will be working from the revised document. One of the main aspects of this revision is to reduce paperwork and to enable staff to use their professional judgement when considering children’s learning and development needs. We are well placed to implement this as staff are experienced and well trained. Over the last few years, we have developed ways of working that are already in line with the new guidance so there will not be many changes for your children. It has been an opportunity for us at a Team to review our ethos and our curriculum and offer. If you would like to read more, please see [here](#):-

This will also be uploaded to our website in the coming weeks.

Collection and Drop Off from September... We feel this is potentially something which could now change. Session times for all children will be 9.00-12.00 and 12.00-3.00.

Extended hours... With the new guidance now stating there is no need for social distancing this is now something we have considered. We still have limited staff numbers and we do need this aspect of our provision to be sustainable, but as a starting point we are now able to offer a Breakfast Club, starting at 8.00am, and After Preschool Club, ending at 5.00 pm, on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The costs will be the same as our hourly rates with 1 hour for Breakfast club and 2 hours for After Preschool Club. (This will be a sessional fixed fee). Breakfast and a snacks will be included. If you are interested in a place, please book by emailing norththinkseyccclubs@gmail.com or give Linda a call. We will need to review this termly to be begin with to ensure it remains sustainable, as I am sure you recognise nobody knows what this Autumn will be like for us all, but we are committed to offer a reliable and consistent service to our community of families.

Fees... In 2015 our committee agreed to review fees annually. Since then we have only implemented a fee increase once, in January 2020. Please be advised that following the increase of the national living wage (April 2021) and almost the doubling of costs of cleaning products and consumables, as well as the increase of utility bills, (with the windows open and the heating on, which continues in September), we are making a small increase in fees from September. The hourly rate of a paying 2 year old will rise to £6.80 per hour and a paying 3 year old will rise to £6.50. We also will increase the maintenance fee to £30 a (full) term to cover the costs of snacks, and consumables. (This fee is voluntary as we are not permitted to enforce this payment for funded children).

There has been a great deal of media coverage about the lack of government funding for Early Years Settings and it continues to be inadequate for our provision to be sustainable.

Finally Farewells... We are sad but thrilled for Lucia, as she will be leaving us at the end of term having completed her Level 3 apprenticeship! She has secured a full time, all year round position at Grandpont Nursery, working for the Local authority. This is a fantastic opportunity for Lucia to gain experience and develop her (already) fantastic talents in working with children! We wish her the very best of luck and happiness in her new role.

It is also farewell to so many of you that we have had with us during this challenging time! We know if your child is going to school we will see you again, but really we would like to thank you for your on going support of us all. You have been supportive and understanding and we will truly miss you all.

If anyone wants to talk or has any concerns, please get in touch nhps.manager1@gmail.com 01865 794287.

Take care

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