

Noah's Ark Playgroup

Spring 1 Newsletter 2022

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WELCOME TO THE SPRING TERM

A big welcome to all our new children starting this term and welcome back to all our children and parents, we hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

There hasn't been many major changes to our setting regarding Covid-19 so far this term but I would just like to remind you our key procedures..

- If your child develops symptoms, they must not attend playgroup. You must follow the latest government guidance on getting tested. You can find more details at [Get tested for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- If someone in your household tests positive for Covid-19, your child can still attend, providing their lateral flow test is negative and they do not develop symptoms.
- As part of our on going Covid Procedures, we ask all children to sanitize their hands on entry to the setting, and we periodically wash hands through the day. We also need to ensure the building is well ventilated at all times, this means that we frequently open the door to the hall to ventilate the building. Please can you ensure your child attends their sessions in suitable clothing.
- All our staff are triple vaccinated and take lateral flow tests twice weekly. We have a contingency plan in place in the event of an outbreak in the setting as per government requirements.

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK

We have a **feedback form** on our website within the Parent Hub. Your feedback helps us to ensure our service is what parents hope for and expect from a playgroup, it is relevant to parents needs and above all it is a positive, happy, educational and safe experience for your child. This then helps us to improve and develop within the setting. If you could spare a few minutes, we would really appreciate some current parent feedback.

Please visit [Parent Feedback | Noah's Ark Playgroup \(noahsark-kimberley.org.uk\)](http://noahsark-kimberley.org.uk)

If you have any suggestions of information you would like to see available online, please send us a quick text or email or speak to a staff member in playgroup.

STAFF CHANGES

At Christmas we said a sad goodbye to Amy who had been an Assistant with us since June.

We mentioned in our Autumn Newsletter that Charlie would be joining the team, unfortunately, Charlie decided to take his career in a different direction, so at the beginning of this term we welcomed Melissa and Delphine to the Noah's team. Both are level 3 qualified practitioners and have experience within a day nursery setting.

Melissa and Delphine have slotted into the setting really well and are getting to know all the children.

AVAILABLE SPACES

We do have a few places available. If you or if you have any friends with 2, 3 or 4 year olds that may be interested, please feel free to share our information. Also if your child currently attends and you would like more sessions please speak to Helen.

REMINDER - TAX FREE CHILDCARE

If you pay for your child's playgroup sessions you may be able to use the Tax Free Childcare.

If you are eligible, you just need to set up an account and for every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your childcare provider.

Go to <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare> For further details.

30 HOUR GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Please remember that if your child is 3 or turning three before the **31st March 2022**, they may be entitled to the 30 hour government funding for the Summer term. This must be applied for by you before **31st March** at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If you have any queries please see Helen.

INSET DAY

Monday the **21st February** is an inset day. We will be **CLOSED**. We will reopen from February half term on Tuesday the 22nd of February.

ABSENCES & ILLNESS

If your child is not able to attend a session they should be booked in for for **ANY** reason (illness, holiday, pj day etc) then you **must** let us know at your very earliest convenience by phone or text. Though it is not compulsory for your child to attend every session they are booked in for, if we do not get confirmation of why your child is absent it could become a safeguarding concern and we have a duty of care to act on it.

You can let us know if you are planning a trip away by filling in our holiday form online at

[Holiday Form | Noah's Ark Playgroup](#)

Or you can text the playgroup phone at anytime.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mon 14th Feb - Fri 18th Feb 22 Half term - CLOSED

Mon 21st Feb 2022 **INSET DAY - CLOSED**

Tues 22nd Feb 2022 1st Day of Spring term 2

Mon 4th Apr - Thur 14th Apr 22 - Easter - CLOSED

Fri 15th Apr 2022 **Good Friday - CLOSED**

Mon 18th Apr 2022 **Easter Monday - CLOSED**

Tue 19th Apr 2022 **INSET DAY - CLOSED**

Wed 20th Apr 2022 1st Day of Summer term

Mon 2nd May 2022 **BANK HOLIDAY - CLOSED**

Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun 22 - Half term - CLOSED

Mon 6th June 2022 **INSET DAY - CLOSED**

Tues 7th June 2022 1st day of summer term 2

Thurs 28th July 2022 **Last day of 2021/22**

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/2319936/school-holidays-2021-2022.pdf>

CHANGE BAGS & NAPPIES & WIPES

*****IMPORTANT*****

- Every child who is still in nappies or pull ups **MUST** have an adequate supply of nappies, wipes and if required, necessary creams.
- Parents **MUST** ensure that their child arrives in a clean nappy.
- If your child has soiled when arriving to their session, it is the parents/carers responsibility to change them.
- We are **NOT** able to supply nappies and **DO NOT** have any spares at Playgroup.
- You **MUST** ensure your child has at least 1 full set of season appropriate spare clothing (including **PANTS** and **SOCKS**).
- There is a chance your child may spill a drink, get exceptionally muddy or even have a toilet accident where they will need to be changed.
- If you do not send any spare clothing we will have to telephone parents/carer's to bring some in should the need arise.

Please, please, please, can you put your child's name in their clothing