

Noah's Ark Playgroup

Spring 2 Newsletter 2021

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HELLO!

Finally a bit of lovely weather to end the spring term!

It has been really nice to get the children out in the sunshine this week and hopefully after a cooler weekend coming the weather will warm up again as we head into the summer term.

We have made it through another term with no direct positive covid cases in playgroup, but please, if your child or someone in your household shows symptoms of Covid-19 or you have received a track and trace isolation notice, please stay at home, follow the Government guidelines and contact me as soon as possible so I can take action if I need to.

REBECCA IS LEAVING

Sadly Rebecca will be leaving us at the end of this week to move on to new beginnings and a change of career. We will all miss her here at playgroup and would like to wish her luck for the future.

AVAILABLE SPACES

We do have a few places available for the summer term. 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. Please contact me for further details. Also if

your child currently attends and you would like more sessions please speak to me.

30 HOUR GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Please remember that if your child is 3 or turning three before the **31st March 2021**, 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 **CHILDCARECHOICES.GOV.UK**. If you have any queries please see Helen.

FUNDING FORMS

We are giving out funding forms this week for all children that are entitled to 15 or 30 hour funding for the summer term. Please can you complete this form and hand it back to a member of staff as soon as possible.

REVIEWS

Spring reviews will take place in the first and second week after the easter break on **Wednesday 21st and Wednesday 28th April**.

As we are still unable to welcome visitors into the setting the reviews will take place over the phone with your child's key person.

Please can you select a preferred time for your child's key person to call, either in the morning or afternoon using the form below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhmNuhGXd_ljLg_AkYLMwRzJ-vk7cbYcNCFfoPaLh5noU6A/viewform?usp=sf_link

We will confirm via text your date and time slot within your chosen session.

If a phone call is unsuitable for you please select option 4 on the form..

We encourage all parents to take this opportunity to discuss their child's review but if you are happy to receive your child's development review without discussion, please select option 5.

Your child's development review will be available to view on Tapestry over the Easter break, before your phone meeting.

STAFF WEEKLY TESTING

Since the 22nd March, all early years staff now have access to lateral flow home testing kits. All staff at Noah's carry out lateral flow tests twice a week and will do so until the DfE or government guidelines change.

Lateral flow tests are now widely available and all households can access home tests if they have school age and nursery age children to test their household routinely.

You can collect lateral flow tests from test sites, find your closest test site here..

<https://www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site>

Or, if you are unable to access a test site, you can order tests for home delivery here..

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

The lateral flow tests are to be used if you ARE NOT symptomatic. If you are anyone in your household has coronavirus symptoms you must ALL self isolate and order a PCR test.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

CHANGE BAGS

*****IMPORTANT*****

- 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thurs 1st Apr 2021	Last day of Spring term 2
Fri 2nd Apr 2021	Good Friday (CLOSED)
Mon 5th Apr 2021	Easter Mon (CLOSED)
Mon 19th Apr 2021	1st day of summer term 1
Thurs 6th May 2021	INSET DAY (CLOSED)
Fri 28th May 2021	Last day of summer term 1
Mon 7th June 2021	INSET DAY (CLOSED)
Tues 8th June 2021	1st day of summer term 2
Wed 28th July 2021	Last day of summer term 2

INSET DAYS

As the Church will be used as a polling station on **Thursday 6th May** for the local elections we have moved our inset day to allow closure for this.

The planned inset day on Monday 19th April has now been cancelled, our inset day is now Thursday 6th May.

NAPPIES & WIPES

*****IMPORTANT*****

- Every child who is still in nappies or pull ups **MUST** have an adequate supply of nappies, wipes and 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.

If you do not send enough nappies we will have to telephone parents/carer's to bring some in should the need arise.