Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all keeping well and you have had a wonderful summer!

I am delighted to welcome back the children staying with us for another year and excited to welcome our new starters, I hope you are very happy at Streatley Hill Pre-school. We have some new children starting in September and another small group joining Pre-school after October half term. It’s going to be a little different for everyone but we will have a fantastic time learning new things, making friends and building self confidence, as we all get to know each other over the first few weeks. Your child’s key person will be on hand to support your little one (and you too, if needed!)

I’m going to be giving you a lot of information in this newsletter, I do apologise but it’s very important that you have this information in order to ensure a smooth and safe return to Pre-school.

**Arrival –**A member of staff will be waiting to greet everyone at 9am when we are ready to open, I plan to use the back gate leading into the Pre-school garden as our entrance at the start of term. Parents are currently not allowed to enter the Pre-school building under the current guidance but this will allow parents to come into the garden to help settle children. Please could only one Parent or Carer drop and collect children to and from Pre-school. Please keep 2 metres apart from staff and other adults and children. Staff will be unable to take children from Parent’s/Carers arms. We will have a hand washing station set up outside for everyone to wash their hands on arrival. As soon as you have settled your child and they are happy to be left at Pre-school, please leave the school site, the Primary school will be using their outside space and we don’t want to get in the way of their allocated areas for their bubble groups.

**Session times-** I’m planning to run the sessions as normal but timings will be reviewed regularly in case we need to stagger start/finish times. Please do not feel that your child needs to stay for the whole session while they are setting in, please discuss with your child’s key person.

**Attending other settings-**Under the current guidance and advice from our insurance, children can only attend one setting. Please confirm to me by email which setting you have chosen to send your child to, if you normally use more than one setting.

**Illness –** Children and adults cannot come to Pre-school if they have symptoms of Covid-19 (see separate risk assessment) .Do not send your child if anyone in your household has a-

Temperature (37.8c or higher)

Cough

Changes/loss of smell or taste. Please self –isolate and arrange to have a Covid test.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance

Children should not attend Pre-school if they are-

Unwell in themselves and or need calpol, please call the Pre-school land line 01491 875247 to report absences or to seek advice on whether your child should attend. I can only pick up emails at the end of the day so messages will not be seen so it’s best to call and speak to myself or staff.

**Contact details-** Please make sure Pre-school has up to date contact details for parents and Carers. It may be necessary for us to use the Track and trace system if we get a case of Covid in Pre-school.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works

**What to bring to Pre-school-** Please apply sunscreen if needed before your child arrives at Pre-school, and bring a sun hat if sunny. Only bring a small bag with change of clothes/nappies/wipes etc, any medication (to be given to staff) Lunch box if your child is staying for lunch, please put a drink inside the lunch box. (Staff will wipe the outside of lunch boxes with a Dettol wipe.) Pre-school is a nut free zone, some of our children have nut allergies and we must be strict on this, please do not include nuts in your child’s lunch. Outside shoes i.e. welly’s, slippers or suitable shoes to wear in the classroom. Make sure your child has suitable coat and warm clothes as we will be spending most of our time outside. Please do not send in toys from home. Pre-school will supply snack for the near future, so no donations of snack at the moment, this will help us to limit items coming into the setting, and I will advise you of any changes as they happen.

**End of the session-** please wait by the cones at the front of the Pre-school and a member of staff will bring your child to you.

**Reminder**

Our AGM is on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 7.45pm. Depending on guidelines it may need to be a virtual meeting. More information will follow but this is a mandatory meeting and we expect parents to attend, the Pre-school cannot meet its legal requirements for its constitution unless this is well attended. We are in a very fortunate situation this year as we already have our Co-Chairs in place but we will need to fill other positions and need as many helping hands as we can get, this will ensure Pre-school can continue to run and the tasks are shared out between our parents/Carers.

Dates at a glance!

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| First day of Autumn term  | 03/09/2020 |  |
| AGM | 08/09/2020 | Venue TBC |

If you need any support or have any questions, I would love to hear from you. Stay safe and happy! Looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

Kind regards

Cheryl A ☺

Lead Teacher