



COMBERTON PLAYGROUP

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We aim for our Playgroup to provide a stimulating atmosphere in which the children are encouraged to develop their full potential.

Newsletter Jan 2021

Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and fingers crossed for a healthy new year!

We would also like to give a warm welcome to our new children starting and their families, and a welcome back to Leanne, who will be working with us again at lunchtimes.

We are still working as one bubble, so the children are able to mix. We would like to assure you that toys are cleaned between sessions and there is regular handwashing throughout the day.

We are now back to 3 rooms Mon-Fri am (Blue, Green and Pre-school)

2 rooms are now running on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Health and hygiene throughout the day

Staff and children will be washing/sanitising their hands regularly throughout the day. Key times being upon arrival/departure, before snack/lunch and when coming in from playing outside.

Hand sanitisers are available throughout the building and outside for when needed.

Toys will be cleaned regularly and things that are difficult to clean such as books will be rotated on a daily basis. Dressing up and cuddly toys will not be available.



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Existing injuries

If your child has had an accident/injury outside of playgroup, please could you let us know via email so we can fill in an existing injury form; telling us how and when it happened, what the injury is and if they needed any medical attention.

Arrival at Playgroup

Face coverings must be worn when dropping off and picking up your children. Staff will be doing the same, but please be rest assured that we are not wearing them in the building with your children.

Please stand 2 metres apart from other families at all times.

A member of staff will come and collect your child from you in the playground. Please do not come around to the door to ring the doorbell. There will be a trolley with the staff member so the children can place their belongings in there. They will be taken to sanitise their hands using the wall mounted hand sanitiser before taking them in. This will be done with 5 children at a time.

When you come to pick your child/children up, please wait again outside and a member of staff will bring them out to you.

We totally understand that for some parents and children this may be quite stressful, but please be rest assured that we are not socially distancing from your children and they will have all the cuddles and reassurance that they need.

If you have any worries or concerns, please do get in touch.

When dropping off or picking children up with older siblings, could you please make sure that your children are not playing on the play equipment outside, as they would have been cleaned ready for the next day.

Parent/carers and children must leave the playground as soon as they have dropped off/picked up.

Thank you so much for your support and co-operation through these strange and difficult times.



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Curriculum this half term

This half term Blue & Green room will be focussing on shape recognition. We will be going on walks around the building and the playground pointing out everyday shapes in the environment.

This is something you too can do at home, when out on a walk or in the house. Alongside the shape art activities will be shapes in the tuff spot, shape stories and weighing scales to put their shapes in.

WB 4th Jan We will be doing dot paintings using cotton buds, cotton reels, round sponges and anything else the children might find that is round!

WB 11th Jan We will be painting with square wooden blocks, Duplo etc

WB 18th Jan We will be making triangular collages, then threading them together to make bunting.

WB 25th Jan We will be making rectangle robot pictures

WB 1st Feb Will be our shape finale! Where we will be making shape trees and seeing how much the children have learnt about shapes during the last few weeks.

WB 8th Feb We will be celebrating Chinese New Year (activities TBC)

Pre-school

WB 4th Jan We will be making snowmen pictures, with the children attempting to cut out their own circles.

Alongside this will be counting numbers and matching numerals.

WB 11th Jan We will be doing a science experiment, to make snowflake crystals.

Alongside this we will be making snowflake pictures using wax crayons and water colours.

WB 18th Jan We will be going on a Winter walk to the pond to use our cameras.

We will also be collecting twigs for the following weeks activity.

WB 25th Jan We will be making Winter trees with the twigs we have collected the week before. The children will be using cotton buds to paint snow, which will help their fine motor skills.

WB 1st Feb We will be acting out the 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' story

WB 8th Feb We will be celebrating Chinese New Year (activities TBC)



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General Information

Each child should bring in a named bag with spare clothes in, just in case. To reduce the risk of transmission we do request that no toys, comforters etc are brought in from home.

If your child is in nappies you will need to bring in a new sealed bag of nappies to be left at playgroup.

We are hoping to do as many activities outside as we can, so please bring in appropriate clothing as it will be cold.

We will also have windows open for ventilation, so layering is good!

All items being left at Playgroup will need to be named to avoid confusion.

Please remember that the gate will be left open until everyone is in, so it is very important that you have hold of your child's/children's hand. They must not run around the playground.

Please do not park outside playgroup gates on the yellow warning lines as it is becoming increasingly busy. Thank you

How to keep everyone safe

Please do not come to playgroup if you, your child or anyone in your household displays symptoms of Covid-19. Please book a test and if unsure follow government guidelines.

If a child develops symptoms at playgroup, a member of staff will isolate with the child away from others.

The member of staff will don PPE (gloves, apron, facemask and face shield) and you will be called immediately to collect them and book a test.

Playgroup is required to follow up on any child absence so please let us know if they are not going to attend for any reason.



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Term dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020-2021

Term starts Thursday 3rd September
Half Term Monday 26th -Friday 30th October
Term ends Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2021

Term starts Monday 4th January
Half Term Monday 15th-19th February
Term ends Friday 26th March

Summer Term 2021

Term starts Monday 12th April
May day, bank holiday Monday 3rd May
Half Term Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June
Term ends Friday 16th July

Fundraising

Another huge thank you
to Sally Newton for
raising money for us
doing Christmas themed
yoga.