



# 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 2022

### Happy New Year!

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

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new children starting and their families, and a welcome back to Chrissie, who will be working with us on a Tuesday afternoon and covering sessions when needed.

We are also very happy to say that Karen is back after being off sick for a little while.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for your continued support through another challenging year!  
We really did appreciate all the kind words and lovely messages in cards that we received.

### Arrival at Playgroup

Due to infection rates still rising, we will continue to collect children from outside.

You will be required to wait with your child outside the front of the building and we will collect children six at a time and sanitise their hands using the wall mounted hand sanitiser before taking them in.

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 do understand that this may be distressing for you and your child after being off for a few weeks, but please be rest assured that they will get all the cuddles and reassurance they need.

If you have any worries or concerns, please feel free to give us a call.



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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.

## 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. I.e. named hats, gloves, wellies etc

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 do not park outside playgroup gates on the yellow warning lines. 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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## School Applications

Reminder for parents of pre-schoolers that the deadline for applications for school is  
January 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

## Covid 19 updates

In December, the government announced that individuals testing positive for Covid-19, can now end their isolation after 7 days rather than 10, if they receive negative lateral flows on days 6 & 7 of isolation.

The DFE (Department for education) has confirmed that this advice also applies to children under five who have tested positive for Covid-19.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hrs apart. If both these tests are negative, and the child does not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to Playgroup on day 7.

Anyone who is unable or chooses not to do lateral flow tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

**We will still be requesting that children do not attend Playgroup if there is someone in their immediate household who has tested positive. This rule also includes our staff.**

We understand that the government guidance does not request this but is part of our risk assessment to ensure as much as we can, that we minimise the risk of infection, so we are able to stay open.

We really do appreciate your continued support on this.



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## Term dates 2022

### **Spring Term 2022**

Term starts	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> February
Children return	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Term ends	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April

### **Summer Term 2022**

Term starts	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
May day, bank holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Children return	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Term ends	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

## **Welcome back everyone!**

We are really looking forward to welcoming back all the children tomorrow and hearing about what they've been up to over the Christmas holidays.

**See you in the morning!**