



# Overton

## Preschool Playgroup

# Newsletter

September 2020

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**Welcome** to all our new **families**, and welcome back to all our returning **children**. We are busy planning and preparing for our transition back up to Preschool; and are **very excited** to be able to move back on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. All of the new starters have had a chance to visit Playgroup now and meet their key person, ready for their start on the 21<sup>st</sup> too – we're so pleased to be getting back to something that looks a bit like normal and to a fun-filled term.

**Congratulations** to Leanne who has completed her Early Years Educator level 3 qualification, which she has been working to achieve for 2 years – we are so pleased for her, and delighted to have been able to support her with her studies.

### Communication

We really miss being able to **chat** to you, but current restrictions mean we need to avoid conversations at pick up and drop off, and we strongly encourage you to observe **social distancing rules** while waiting outside settings.

To help with this we have:

- **A parents Whatsapp** for each setting to help you get to know each other and share info
- **A private Facebook group** for each setting where we can share pictures of our activities, and you can share anything about your children
- **Email [hello@overtonplaygroup.com](mailto:hello@overtonplaygroup.com)** to report illness, general queries, to discuss hours or fees or anything which needs to be seen quickly
- To speak to your key person directly about your child's development, please email your query to their dedicated key person email address, or use this to arrange a phone call at a convenient time – during our opening hours we are busy with the children so try to avoid long phone calls then.
- For **urgent info please call 01256 770370 for playgroup, 07718 424723 for preschool** (after 21<sup>st</sup> September) or to report your child as absent.
- Please help us by making sure we have **up to date contact details** for you, should we need to contact you quickly. And please let us know if you are a **key worker** or believe your child should be classed as **vulnerable** for any reason, so we can plan for the unlikely scenario of a future Government lockdown.

### Coronavirus

It is **vital** that no-one (children or parents) with Covid-19 symptoms comes to Overton Preschool Playgroup, these include:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change in your sense of taste or smell

Please use the online NHS service if you require more information. Our current policy has been sent to all parents which contains more information about our procedures should a child or staff member test positive for Covid-19 – please ask if you need to know more.

## Dates for the Diary:

### Starting preschool

To keep us safe, it is really important that all parents follow the one way system in place at Overton Primary School. Please enter by the bottom gate and walk up to Preschool. You must arrive at the set drop off time you have agreed, (dropping at Preschool first if you have older siblings) as our gate will have to be locked at other times, and school are only letting specific groups of parents onto the school site at their set times.

After dropping your child, or collecting, please follow the one way system around the school to exit out of the top gate, you cannot go back down the path.

## September 2020

21	Start of Term – for children joining Playgroup 2020-2021.
21	Overton Primary School site start date - for 2020-2021 Preschoolers.
28	Both settings will be <b>open</b>

### Please join us!

Overton Preschool Playgroup is a charity run by a committee of volunteers – parents, grandparents and carers – just like you. It is a great way to socialise, get to know more about how Overton Preschool Playgroup runs, and have an **influence** over the experience of your child with us. No experience required, tasks are varied and range from big to small. **Get involved** 😊

## October

1	AGM – 8pm – Zoom – for all Come along and find out how you can help.ID = 962 4507 8023 Passcode = 222929
23	Inset Day. Both settings will be closed – in line with Overton CE Primary School.
26	Both settings closed for Autumn Half Term Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October.

## November

16	Inset Day. Both settings will be closed – in line with Overton CE Primary School.
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## December

21	Both settings closed for Christmas Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January.
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