

# NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM



14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Welcome to our Autumn Term newsletter and welcome to all our returning children and our new starters – we hope they enjoy their time with us. We would also like to welcome Hannah, our new Keyworker for the red group who many of you will have now met.

### Keyworker Groups

All children are allocated a Keyworker Group and have colour coordinated drawers and pegs. The Keyworker Groups are:

- Sally, Naomi and Hannah – Red Group
- Kathryn, Nikki and Lisa – Green Group

### Children's Details

Please can you ensure that we have up to date contact details and emergency contact details for your child and that all requested paperwork has been completed and returned to Pre-school. All new starters should have received an induction pack containing the following forms that need completing and returning to Pre-school as soon as possible: Registration Form, All About Your Child, Learning Journey Trust Statement, Image Consent and Medical Consent. If you have not received a pack, please ask a member of staff.

### Pre-school Gate & Bell

The gate will be unlocked at session start and finish times as detailed below. Due to COVID-19, we have staggered the drop off and pick up times for some children so if you have been allocated a different time and the gate is locked, please use the bell which is located on the left-hand side of the gate.

#### Normal session start and finish times:

Morning session: 8.45am and 11.30am

Afternoon session: 12.30pm and 3.00pm

If your child is attending breakfast club (8.00am/8.30am) or after school club (3.30pm/4.00pm) you will also need to ring the bell for a member of staff to unlock the gate to let you in.

We are advising parents where possible to leave their child at the gate or in the garden area with a member of staff but if you do need to enter the Pre-school, please ensure you use the hand sanitiser located just inside the door. If you have other children in the car when you are dropping off or picking up, please phone the Pre-school and a member of staff will collect your child from the car park or bring them to you.

And please always remember to shut the gate behind you when you leave the Pre-school premises.



### Speed Limit & Parking

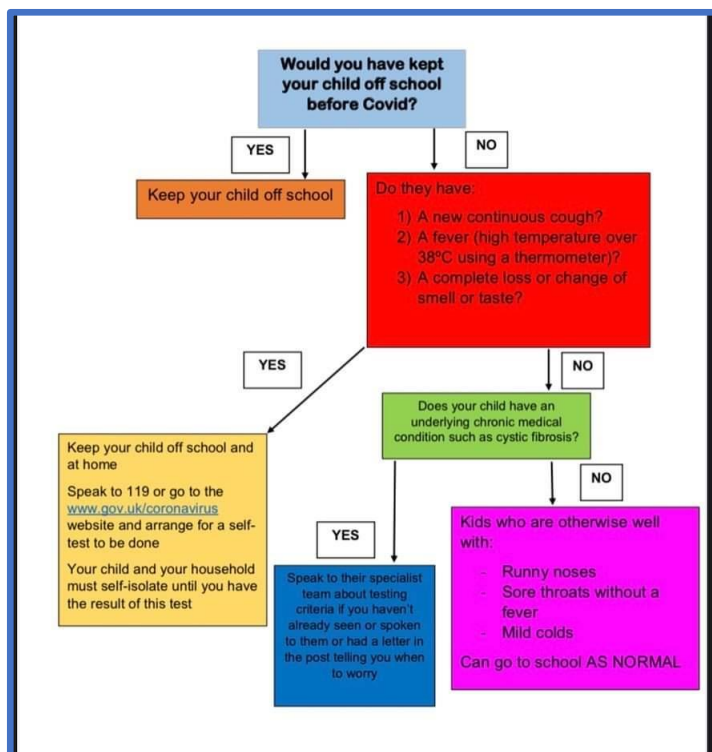
Please be aware that the speed limit around the school grounds is **strictly 10MPH**. Please can you ensure that you adhere to this **at all times**.

Also, please **DO NOT** park past the "EMERGENCY VEHICLES ONLY" sign at the end of the Pre-school carpark. This area is strictly for emergency vehicles only – **no exceptions!**

## Attendance and Illness

Please ensure you adhere to the Government rules on COVID-19 symptoms: **If your child or another member of your household has symptoms including a new and persistent cough, a fever or a loss or change in taste or smell, your household must remain at home and isolate and arrange for the unwell person to be tested for COVID-19.** Please ensure you inform the Pre-school as soon as possible if this happens so that we can follow the correct Public Health rules and procedures.

The following diagram has been produced on evidence based guidance from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Children's Health which parents may find helpful.



If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send them to Pre-school or not, please do not hesitate to call us on 456668.

Further information and guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection (COVID-19) can be found at:

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

## Lunch Boxes



If your child stays for lunch, it can get very hot in the room so it may be advisable to put a cold pack or frozen yogurt in their lunch box. Every child is provided with a 'What's in Yours?' healthy eating booklet from the Government when they start Pre-school which provides guidance on healthy eating. Please do not give your child high sugar foods, sweets or chocolate bars. We will provide a drink of milk or water. Please ensure that grapes and baby tomatoes are cut in half to avoid choking accidents and if you include a yogurt, please provide a spoon. We try to ensure that children eat their

savoury items before anything else and please only send your child in with the amount of food they would normally eat. A child's portion is about the amount of food they can hold in their hand.

## Suncream

While the weather is still nice and sunny, please could we remind you to put sun cream on your child before they come to Pre-school. There are lots of sun creams available which can last for up to 8 hours but if your child is staying all day and you would like us to reapply sun cream at lunch time, please name the sun cream and give it to your child's Key Worker **please do not leave sun cream in your child's bag.** You will need to ensure that you have completed the 'Applying Sun Cream' permission slip provided in your child's induction pack.



## **Pre-school Uniform**

Although not compulsory, we do have pre-school uniform available to purchase costing £10.50 for a jumper and £10.00 for a t-shirt. We do also have plenty of pre-loved pre-school uniform available to purchase costing £2.50 per item. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to purchase any uniform. Please could we ask that you name your child's clothes (especially Pre-school jumpers) as this will assist us with knowing who it belongs to when children take off their jumpers. Although the Pre-school have a limited supply of spare clothes it is advisable that you provide your child with a spare change of clothes to keep on their peg in the event of accidents and wet water play.

## **Funding Forms**

Autumn Term Funding Forms for 3-4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds have been placed in your child's tray. Please ensure you complete the forms in full and return to Pre-school by this **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

## **Forest School**

The older children who will be participating in the Forest School activities on a Tuesday and Thursday morning will begin to go out on walks around the school to become familiar with the Forest School boundaries. Forest School letters have been placed in your child's tray (older children only) with further information about these sessions. Please ensure you complete the reply slip and return to Pre-school as soon as possible.

## **Declan – Funkee Munkees Music Sessions**

Last Thursday morning saw the return of Declan and his Funkee Munkee music sessions. Declan joins the children every Thursday morning for a sing-along and dance which the children love! Weather permitting, these sessions will take place outside in the garden as much as possible using the Pre-school's own instruments.

## **Annual AGM – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

As a charity run organisation, we require a committee to be able to run the Pre-school. The committee is responsible for managing the Pre-school, employing staff, sorting finances and organising fundraising activities. The committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting held in the Autumn term. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the AGM will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00pm. We require as many parents as possible to attend this meeting because without a committee the Pre-school would not be able to continue. In addition to a committee, we also require fundraisers to help raise vital funds for the Pre-school. All parents, carers or grandparents are welcome to join as a committee member or fundraiser. Please join us on 21<sup>st</sup> October to find out more. Details on how to attend the Zoom meeting will follow nearer the time.

## **Head Lice, Thread Worm & Advice Sheets**

Please could we ask that you regularly check your child for head lice and thread worms as these conditions are very common in children and easily spread. The following links may be helpful:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice>

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Threadworms>

If you require any advice sheets on sleep, behaviour, potty training etc. we can provide these, just ask a member of staff.

## **School Admissions 2021**

Children starting school in September 2021 can apply for a reception place from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. The application process needs to be completed online on the Dorset Council website - Apply for a School Place. The closing date for starting school applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

## **Contacting Pre-school**

During Pre-school hours, the Pre-school can be contacted by phone on 01308 456668 or email [bradpolepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:bradpolepreschool@gmail.com). Out of hours, please use our email address or our Facebook page and we will respond to you the next working day.

## **Mobile Phones**

In line with Ofsted guidelines, mobile phones are not allowed to be used in the Pre-school area. Please remember this when dropping off and collecting your child.

## **Website and Facebook Page**



We regularly post information, updates and calendar dates to our website which can be found at [www.bradpolepreschool.org.uk](http://www.bradpolepreschool.org.uk). We also have a Facebook page where we post information so please join as it is a good way to keep up to date with events and other things happening at Pre-school.