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# East Hanningfield Pre-School

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## Spring Newsletter

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### Hello!

We have still been open during the recent lockdown and we look forward to welcoming more children back in once the primary schools return on 8<sup>th</sup> March. We will be carrying out some Easter activities during the rest of this term.

We are still not sharing children with other nurseries. We also do not allow items to be brought in to share at circle time and we have suspended use of the green diary and yellow reading record for sharing in pre-school. We also no longer accept cash payments; all payments must be paid by BACS into our bank account.

We will be going outside every day if possible so please ensure your child has a named coat with them and suitable footwear. Boots are not allowed in the hall. Only plimsolls or soft-soled shoes are permitted in the hall.

We have preschool t-shirts for sale for £8 and a limited number of sweatshirts, size 3-4, for £11. Please let us know if you would like one.

### EASTER HAT/BONNET COMPETITION

**We will be holding an Easter Bonnet Competition again this year. This is an opportunity for your child to create their own Easter Bonnet or Hat. Please bring in your Easter Bonnet/Hat the last week of term (week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> March) for judging during the week and winners will be notified on Friday via our Facebook page.**

**The children have been colouring in Easter Eggs, we have laminated them and will be hiding them around the village parks; be sure to keep an eye out for them, the children might even find their own one.**

### Staff changes

As I'm sure most of you now know, we are pleased to announce Diane has taken over as our Supervisor and we have also appointed Emma as our new Business Administrator. We have also taken on two new members of bank staff – Jade and Nikki. At the present time Charlotte is on maternity leave and we wish her well with her new upcoming addition to her family. She will be returning to preschool later on in the year.

We would also like to congratulate Sue on her dedicated 20 years' service to the pre-school, which we will celebrate when we can

### Upcoming events...

World Book Day – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March – **Please dress up as your favourite book character**

Red Nose Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Pjamarama Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May

### Dates for your diary

Friday 26 March – Last Day of Term

Monday 12 April – First Day of Summer Term

Monday 31 May-Friday 4 June – Half term

Last day of term – Friday 16 July

### Facebook

Don't forget we now have a Facebook page for passing on information so if you would like to join this please request to join as it is a closed group. It is being updated by a member of staff and a committee member. We hope you have enjoyed the videos posted with ideas for carrying out at home during lockdown.

## Arrival / collection

- Entry to be via the side door - opposite the overflow car park
- Staggered start and pick up times may apply. Parents may be notified via email if this is necessary.
- When queuing please keep a 2 metres distance to the next parent and child
- **Only one parent or adult to drop off / collect children**
- If you want a new person to pick up your child on a regular basis and they are not already mentioned on your paperwork, please ask for a form to fill in so we know they will be picking up regularly. Please ensure they also know your password.
- **An Infra-red, non-contact thermometer will take the parent's and child's temperature.** If either reading is 37.9 or above your child will not be allowed to enter the setting, and you both should return home and follow the latest Government guidelines. If the reading is high upon collection, the same guidelines should be followed
- If the temperature is under 37.9, the child is to be handed over to the member of staff on the door
- Upon entering the setting, every child will be helped by a staff member to wash their hands, before entering the pre-school room
- At this time there will not be any unauthorised visitors

## Coronavirus (COVID19): Advice for parents

### What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to the setting and you should notify us as soon as possible by phone or email and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

Anyone with symptoms should seek a test and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, childcare setting, school, college or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home only.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

### Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are the recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

## How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

### Do

Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds

Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available

Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze

Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

## Reminders

Please let us know if your child cannot come in for their usual session due to illness, holiday or any other reason. We will ring you to check if we have an unexplained absence.

Please continue to send in photos about what your child does or has been doing at home.

We have been teaching the children about good hygiene when they sneeze and not coughing over others to help reduce the spread of illness.

## Other useful info...



### Changing or adding hours

If you wish to change your hours please let us know as spaces are filling up quickly. Please email us the changes even if you speak to us, and ensure you get a confirmation email from us.

If your child attends a child-minder or another setting please let us know.

### Lunchboxes

We are a nut-free pre-school so **no nuts** please in lunch boxes. This includes **pesto**. Please also check **cereal bars and any chocolate** to ensure nut-free. Please ensure your child has a drink in their lunchbox. No screw tops please as these get knocked over. Sugary drinks should be avoided at lunchtime and chocolate and sweets are discouraged.

If you put **grapes** in your child's lunchbox please ensure they are **cut in half lengthwise** so they can more easily pass through smaller throats.

Please ensure you check your child's lunchbox to see how much he/she has eaten for lunch. We cannot force your child to eat their lunch – we can only encourage. Uneaten food will be left in their lunchbox.

**We promote healthy eating! If you would like further information please see our website.**

### Medication

If your child requires any medication whilst at Pre-school please make sure you have filled out and signed the form "Parental Agreement for Setting to administer medicine".

### Clothing

Please do not send your child into pre-school in their best clothes as your child may get messy with paint and glue. Sometimes it is necessary for your child to have a change of clothes during the day. We do keep spare clothes but if you do borrow our clothes please can you ensure they are returned to us. Preschool tshirts and sweatshirts are available to purchase.

### Exclusion procedure for illness and contagious diseases

In order to ensure that germs are not spread to others please visit our website page and do not send your child in to pre-school until after the exclusion period. If you have any doubts about whether your child is well enough to come into pre-school please ring us before bringing them in.

### Pre-School Bag

Please to bring your child's personalised bag to each session so staff can fill it up with artworks, notices etc. ready for you to take home again. Please let Sue know if you haven't received your bag.

**Staff contact**

If you would like to speak a member of staff please either ring us or wait until all the children have entered pre-school. If your child comes into pre-school with a mark caused by an accident at home please can you fill out a slip and sign it as we have to record all these.

**Wow Moments**

We love sharing these special moments with your child and we then place the Wow sheet in their Learning Journey. Wow sheets are available in pre-school and they can also be downloaded via our website.

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**Policies**

All of our policies are available to read on our website. However, they are password protected. If you have not received notification of the password please ask.

**Early Learning Journey folders**

These are updated once every half-term with observations, a photo and artworks.

**Change in contact details**

If you change your mobile or home telephone number, please remember to let us know so that we can update our records. This is important in case we need to contact you during a session.