

# Woodentops Preschool

Sept 2021

## Blogs on Facebook

Jackie does a monthly blog of the fun and learning the children have had. To keep children safe the photos are anonymous.

### Hello Everyone

Welcome back to the new School year. We are having lots of fun welcoming back our children- old and new. They seem to have settled into the routine of preschool very quickly. They are a lovely group and an absolute delight to have in preschool.

### Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021- 6<sup>th</sup> Sept to 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Spring Term 2022- 5<sup>th</sup> Jan to 1<sup>st</sup> April, Half Term 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Feb

Summer Term 2022- 19<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> July, Half Term 30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### Childrens Clothes

Please **Name** all your children's belongings including shoes!!! We have quite a few children with the same shoes and same bags/lunchboxes which can be very confusing for all, please put the name on the outside. Please make sure your child's bag is well stocked with spare clothes and nappies.

Please put shoes in your child's bag if they come in wearing wellies.

### Keyworkers

All your children will have been given a keyworker- some of them may have been swapped around just because they may have taken a shine to another member of staff. Your keyworkers name is on your child's page on the Family App. The keyworkers are all trying to come out and say hello to you. If you would like to have a chat with your keyworker to see how they are getting on - Speak to Jackie and she can book you in for a 5 minute appointment.

### Our Usual Day

The children choose what activities they want to do throughout the day but we do have regular times in our day. The children are expected to put away their toys once they have finished playing with them. Once everyone is in at 9am and 1pm we have a very short sit down where we say good morning and go through our boundaries. The children are expected to walk indoors, use a talking voice and to be kind to their friends. We talk about why we have our boundaries and where we can run or shout. We have a rolling snack where the children get to help themselves to snack, and their drink, sit with their friends and chat. There is usually 6 children having snack at one time. They are always supervised by the staff. We sit down for a sing song at around 11.50 just before washing our hands for lunch. Some children go home at 12, others at 1pm but the majority go home at 3pm. We tend to have a sing song around 2.50pm.

### Repel Hygiene

We are continuing to have our monthly spray of the room by Barry from Repel Hygiene and use the Zoono spray every morning on our hands, along with lots of handwashing and alcogel (staff carry this on them all the time) if needed. We do

prefer handwashing as it's the best way to clean away the germs. We have automatic foam dispensers in the toilets too.

### Mobile Phones and Photos

Please **DO NOT USE** your mobile phone on Preschool premises. We need to keep all your children **safe**. Your child/ children are so eager to speak to you and are very sad if you are on the phone.

### Impact

We are going through the IMPACT accreditation- Karen is in charge of this. It is a way of looking at what Woodentops does and how we can improve for the children's benefit. We are due to finish by April 2022.

### Curiosity Approach Accreditation

We are just putting the last bits together so we can gain our

### Lunches

Please add a spoon to your child's lunchbox as we do not have any spares at Woodentops. Thank you.

PLEASE BRING IN A NAMED WATER BOTTLE FULL OF WATER. THANKS

### Items we would love to have

Paper, ribbon, plastic pots, sticks, feathers, wool, baskets, buttons, costume jewellery, jam jar lids, bottle tops, card, bangles, corks and anything you may consider safe and interesting to play/construct with.

### Fees

You should have all received your bill for September. The bills get sent out around the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please pay it as soon as possible or speak to Jackie if you have an issue with payment.

Payments- can be done by cash, cheque, direct debit and card through the family app, or by card using our card machine.

**We will seek support from the Small Claims Court if payments are not received. You are also at risk of losing your child's space at Woodentops. We want to keep Woodentops open and if we have no payments, we are likely to close.**

### Sing and Sign

Jules has come back and is usually in on a Monday. The children love the signs and singing we do. We try to incorporate it throughout our day and week..

### Staff Mobiles

I just want to remind all parents that our policy is that staff do not use their personal mobile phones in the setting. They are kept in the staff room and are used for their own personal emergency use. They always check with the manager before using their phone and it is always used in a room away from the children.

Your children's safety is our first priority and we are constantly reviewing how we manage to keep them safe and well.

### The Family App

All Parents should have been sent a login to the Family App- if you haven't had it, please tell Jackie and she can sort out another log in for you.

On the App we are logging our nappies and toileting, accidents, incidents, messaging parents, putting notes on the news feed, adding photos and children's attendance through it.

### Accidents and Incidents

Children aged between 2 and 5 years old are growing and developing constantly. This means that their brain is constantly readjusting to their physical development and their emotional development. Some children have more incidents than accidents and vice versa- this is ok, we must tell you that your child has had an incident. We will have dealt with it at

### The Gates

Please remember to use the entrance gate by the football club ticket office. Make sure you **shut the gates** when going in and out of Woodentops. The exit gate is by the Office doors. Remember it is a one- way system. We want to keep open in these times and just one person could cause Woodentops to close.

the time. The incident note is for your information only. Our children are learning about how to manage their emotions and behaviour, it's our job to support them in this area. If you have any concerns, please speak to us. We are there to support your child primarily but also you.

### Talking to Staff

Please remember to talk to staff regarding Preschool business at Preschool. Out of school they are trying to be 'ordinary' parents/people.

**WE HAVE THE NEW EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE FROM SEPT 2021. IT IS NOW A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL EARLY YEARS SETTINGS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH. THIS MEANS WE WILL NOW INSIST ON CHILDREN HAVING WATER TO DRINK THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO PREVENT TOOTH DECAY. 1 IN 4 FIVE YEAR OLDS HAVE DENTAL DECAY.**

### Any Questions

If you have any comments or concerns please speak to a manager- Jackie, Karen or Sue H. Thank you.

### Toys from home

We prefer toys from not to come into Woodentops especially during COVID.

Cuddlies are necessary when a child is feeling sad and are used then.

Thank you.

### Extended 30 Hours

Remember to redo your 30 hour code by the expiry date the HMRC have given you. If you don't, you will be liable for preschool fees for the extended 30 hours.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>