



Registered Charity No. 1169451

Eaton Socon Pre-School

A young persons dream

Thursday 8th October 2020

Dear Parents

Now that we are a few weeks into the Autumn term and our new way of working, I thought I would let you know how things are going at pre-school during covid times.

Wow! Your children have been amazing; coming through the gate and settling into their new rooms and outdoor areas so well. We are so proud of them.

Curriculum & Learning

Our focus at this time has been very much around the children's Personal Social & Emotional Development (PSED) but as always, we continue to follow the entire Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum in all our pre-school activities and during children's play.



We are required (as an outstanding registered Ofsted early years education provider) to follow the EYFS curriculum, which begins as soon as children join us at pre-school and continues to the end of the children's reception year in primary school. As set out in the curriculum the following areas of learning are:

Prime Areas

- communication and language
- physical development
- personal, social and emotional development

Specific Areas

- literacy
- mathematics
- understanding the world
- expressive arts and design

Communication

To improve our communication with parents and carers, we are in the process of setting up a new email system for newsletters and other general pre-school communications. Please note, emails will be sent to the email addresses currently held for your Tapestry account. We will of course be continuing to use Tapestry for communication with your child's key person in relation to your own child's learning and development.

In order to ensure you do not miss any important communications, if you have any amendments or additions to the email data we hold, please ask a member of staff at the gate for a change of contact details form.

We are hoping to have the new system up and running over the next few weeks. In the meantime, please pay attention to our notices displayed on the pre-school gates and on our Facebook page.

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Parent's Evening

As you are aware, due to covid restrictions, we are unable to hold our usual parents evening this year. However, we understand you may still like to touch base with your child's key person, and we are able to offer you the following pre-arranged opportunities to do this:

- a socially distanced conversation – outdoors (with face covering) during pre-school session (speak to a member of staff at the gate to agree a convenient time)
- a telephone conversation – please call the pre-school office to agree a time (between 9:15am and 11:00am or 1:15pm and 2:45pm) to speak with your child's key person.
- by email, please email your child's key person on info@eatonsoconpre-school with any questions.

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held remotely by Zoom conference, on Wednesday 4th November, at 7:30pm. If you would like to attend please contact the pre-school office by telephone or email (kim@eatonsoconpre-school.co.uk) to request the login details.

Fees & Payments

Thank you to everyone who has paid their fees and snack donations this term.



Please remember any payments to pre-school (including fees snacks and uniform) can now be paid on-line directly to the pre-school (Account Number 633 130 26 Sort Code 20 74 81).

ALL on-line payments **MUST be referenced with your CHILD'S INITIAL AND SURNAME.**

Thank you for your attention to the correct referencing – it is very time consuming to correlate unreferenced payments to the correct child.

Finally, thank you for choosing our pre-school and working with us to make this a great place for your children to learn and grow.

This week we are pleased to have been able to order a new play kitchen for the Poppy Room and new furniture for the Sunflower Room.

Kind regards

Caroline Allanson
Pre-School Manger