

ECCC News – November 2020

Coronavirus

We've so far stayed fully open despite confirmed cases and the resulting self-isolation requirements effecting about half the children and three of our four rooms during October. At one stage we had a total of 18 staff excluded, so are extremely proud of the entire team's dedication and determination to keep normal provision going in these most challenging circumstances.

It's difficult to predict the rest of the year as new cases here and changes to Government policy could change things with little notice. We will continue to respond to these challenges as quickly as possible and will keep you informed of any cases or developments via the website (www.eastonccc.org.uk/news).

We really appreciate the flexibility parents have shown so far. Please help us stay open by erring on the side of caution when children are unwell, as the prior exposure period once a case is confirmed is what determines the scale of the exclusions. It's a hard balance to strike at this time of year when other bugs are common, so we just ask that parents don't take risks if there is any reason to think that their child could have Coronavirus – either because they have exhibited key symptoms or been notified of possible exposure elsewhere.

New faces, new roles and new arrivals

We wish a warm welcome to two new Early Years Specialists. **Tish Wright** joined Sunshine during lockdown and **Carys Conway** joined Tiny Stars in September, filling the space left by **Diamond Riley's** move across to Tiny Tots. **Ambra Zerrillo** and **Laura Brice** also completed their Childcare qualifications over the summer and are now Early Years Specialists in Sunshine.

Ellen Parker (Tiny Tots) and **Daryl Pickering** (Sunshine) both began their Maternity Leave during lockdown and now have additions to their families. We look forward to welcoming them both back next year.

Winter Closure

The Centre will be closed for two weeks at the end of the year.

Last day open:

Friday December 18th

First day back:

Monday January 4th



Sadly, we will not have Christmas parties this year, as we cannot safely welcome parents or have all children in at the same time. The children will still explore Diwali, Hannukah and Christmas through in-room activities and our menus.

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Please come to our (Virtual) AGM! 17/11/2020

We're having our AGM via Zoom on Tuesday November 17th, 6pm-8pm.

At least ten parents must attend the AGM for the Centre to continue to operate, so please do join us if you can. It's a great opportunity to hear updates and participate in the running of our charity nursery by electing trustees – or even by joining the Management Committee yourself.

Please confirm interest with the office or by returning the booking slip by 10/11/2020.



Help us keep the Centre safe by reducing crowding and contact.

Please do:

- *Put your mask completely on before entering the building. Common spaces like the foyer need the most protection from exposure and congestion.*
- *Avoid peak times (9:00-9:10 & 4:40-4:50) whenever possible*

Please do not:

- *Arrive early for drop-off*
- *Linger in the rooms or common spaces to speak to staff or other parents*

We don't want to lose touch or miss anything important, so please contact the office and rooms by telephone or e-mail to pass on information and make queries. We know this isn't always ideal and would prefer face-to-face too, but we may have to move to a 'front door drop-off' system if congestion cannot be reduced. This would mean queuing outside and prevent valuable in-room handovers, so we ask for your help in keeping the current system workable.

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