

St George Preschool CIO- term 1 newsletter

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome to you all as we begin the new academic year at St George Preschool. It has been a pleasure to welcome back and meet new families who are starting their early years journey at St George Preschool. We are very much looking forward to teaching and caring for your children, helping them to grow and develop, and providing the best foundation to their early years' education. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call on 01179554271 or email on stgeorgepreschoolcio@gmail.com

Important Dates

Term 1 - Thursday 2nd Sept to Friday 22nd Oct (inset day Fri 22nd October)

Term 2 - Monday 1st Nov - Friday 17th Dec (inset day Fri 17th December)

Term 3 - Tuesday 4th Jan - Friday 18th Feb (inset day Fri 18th February)

Term 4 - Monday 28th Feb - Friday 8th Apr (inset day Fri 8th April)

Term 5 - Monday 25th Apr - Friday 27th May (inset day Fri 27th May)

Term 6 - Monday 6th June - Fri 22nd July (preschool closed on Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd July for new children to visit)

Inset Days

As some of you maybe aware from September 2021 the government made changes to the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. The focus is very much on staff spending quality time interacting with children very little time capturing and recording their learning. This year our inset days will be spent with the whole team discussing each child individually. We will be looking at their starting point and ensuring that they are developing both socially and academically. All their learning is taught through play, and we will be sending further details of how this is done continuously through our in the moment planning.

Healthy Lunches

If your child stays all day, you can either order & pay for a hot lunch @ £2.60 per meal payable termly or provide them with a healthy packed lunch. We ask for no nuts or nut products, chocolate bars or sweets to be included in the packed lunch

Label everything!

To help us identify your child's belongings we ask can you please label their bags, lunch boxes, coats etc.

Toilet training

If you are toilet training, please bring in a named bag with spare clothes, wet wipes and plenty of pants!

Keeping in touch

We record you child's learning with us on tapestry, if you have not received an email and activated your account, please email a.s.a.p. so that you can have access to your child's account.

This year we are also using class dojo to send reminders of what is happening at the preschool. Again, if you have not received details of this please email a.s.a.p.

We also have a face book closed group which you are welcome to request online to join and an open page where we let you know about different activities happening in the community.

www.facebook.com/stgeorgepreschoolbristol www.facebook.com/groups/165283108991039

Allotment

We have an allotment which children from our Oaks room visit weekly. Unfortunately, during covid we were unable to visit, and our plot is very overgrown. We would like to see if any parents (No children) are able to help us to make it safe for us to restart our visits.

Rebecca, our lead teacher, will be going down on Tuesday 5th October and Thursday 14th October if you are able to help, please email on rebecca.stgeorgepreschool@hotmail.com

Weather

Our children can go outside for most of the day, as it becomes colder, we ask that you layer them to help them to keep warm. We provide them with welly boot's, waterproof trousers, and jackets.

Your child's keyperson

Your child will have been allocated a key person, whilst all of us work with all the children this is their special person and they will keep you updated with how they are settling, learning. Later this term we will be emailing you details of a 10-minute zoom call. They will be able to answer any questions you may have, share how they have settling, friendships etc. If at anytime you would like to have a word with your keyperson, please either email, call or speak to someone on the gate at drop off / collection time.

Covid update

Responsibility moving from providers to NHS test & trace

- Child A, who attends an early years setting, tests positive for Covid
- NHS test & trace will contact child A's parents to trace close contact (who have been in contact in a social setting, not early years setting)
- Parents of child A to inform the setting that child will be isolating
- St George Preschool will inform other parents of the positive case so that parents can decide if they wish for their child to attend. There is no need to lateral flow or PCR test your children. If your child has symptoms, high temp, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell they must have a PCR test (not lateral flow) or isolate for 10 days.