

# PARENT NEWS LETTER



Early Years  
SENCO Award



APRIL 2021



## WELCOME

BY MANAGER SHARON BROWN

A huge welcome back to everyone at the start of the summer term (Tuesday 20 April 2021) hope you had a wonderful Easter break. We are delighted to be welcoming our new children and cannot wait to get to know you all.

### Parent partnerships

In September we introduced our new parent app 'PARENTZONE' to support our partnership working with parents and carers.

Via the app you can view your child's observation notes. You can also let us know what your child has been learning with you. Please add observations from home too. If you're a new parent, you should shortly receive an email to enable you to set up a PARENTZONE log in. If you have any problems, please speak to us or cut and paste this link into your browser for more information.

<https://connectchildcare.com/information-for-parentzone-users/>

Trust  
Collaboration  
Team work  
Co-operation

# COVID19 MEASURES – UPDATES

## ALL CHANGE !

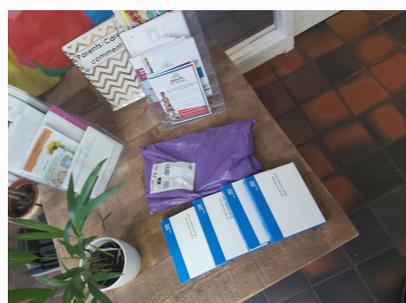
From the beginning of the summer term when you bring and collect your child, EVERYONE, please use the main entrance to the preschool. (NB: we are no longer using the entrance which leads into the U2s play area). To make this work we need you to follow the signage so we all stick to the social distancing rule.

We are asking all parents who drop off and pick up children to wear a mask when on site. This is a sensible precaution to protect you, your child, our staff and the community

'KEEPING  
EACH  
OTHER  
SAFE



## Lateral testing



Last term all staff, committee members and volunteers agreed to do the twice weekly lateral test. In line with our policy parents will be informed if we should unfortunately have a positive covid result and any arrangements we need to put in place.



# OUR UNSUNG HEROS

BY MANAGER SHARON BROWN

MEET THE  
TEAM

'SIMPLY  
THE  
BEST'

In March 2020 we all went into the first lockdown, we closed for the first two weeks then reopened again due to the demands from parent carers who were key workers, we have been open ever since. We could not have done it without the exceptional staff team we have at Watoto Preschool.

My staff's commitment, resilience and bravery has been demonstrated by their willingness to adapt and develop at a moment's notice whilst always providing high quality education and childcare for each individual child.

It's certainly been a roller coaster - but my staff team have done this on top of managing their own family's disruptions and worries; on top of the added safety measures we ask of them, along with coping when we asked them to help us implement developments and significant change; and, most importantly supporting families and children with the hidden effects of lockdown and restrictions.

Team Thank You Thank You Thank You



## Welcome

Join me in welcoming Caitlin and Arooj who join the EYP team this term

Last term we said a sad goodbye to Abida Jan after six years. We wish Abida all the best for the future.

# SUMMER CURRICULUM

The curriculum this term will involve children getting outdoors as much as possible. Developing their learning through exploring the natural environment, plants and insects, gardening, and looking at growth and change. Some of the Story books we will share with the children will be: The very lazy Spider and The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

Taking the learning outdoors will enhance their creativity, problem-solving, independence, confidence and more. "Playing in natural spaces supports a child's sense of self, allowing children to recognise their independence alongside an interdependence and connectedness with their ecological worlds."

'THE  
NATURAL  
WORLD'

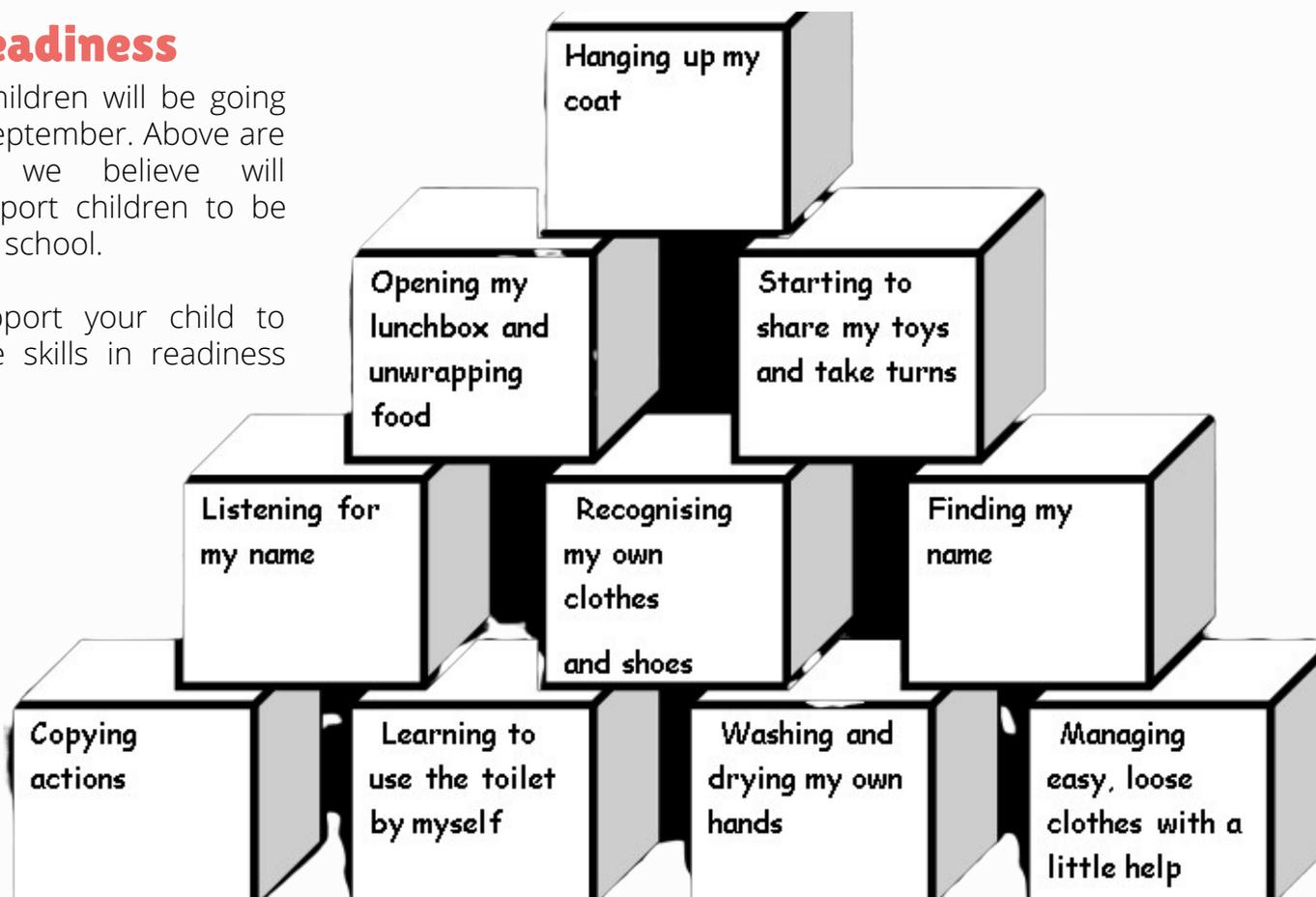


# GOING TO SCHOOL

## School Readiness

Lots of our children will be going to school in September. Above are some skills we believe will massively support children to be ready to enter school.

At home support your child to practise these skills in readiness for school.



## School Place

Have you received your letter confirming your child's school place?

Please let us know which school your child has been allocated. This will help us to support your child's smooth transitions into school reception classes.

## School Readiness Learning Packs

To support your child's we are sending out school readiness learning packs once your child has completed the pack we would love to see how they got on.

# PARENT NOTICIE BOARD

## Healthy Eating

In preschool we promote healthy eating to support us please provide healthy snacks and lunches for your children. Checkout the PreSchool ParentZone app for ideas.



## Keeping children safe in the sun



We know that so many children love outdoor play and it is a fantastic learning environment for them

Please work with us to keep them safe while they are having a great time playing, learning and exploring outdoors.

Please do make sure their clothes are suitable for running and climbing, for biking and gardening. As the weather warms up, please provide a sun hat with their name in and appropriate sunscreen.



## Lunch & Snack bags

This term we would like to encourage you to start using paper bags for your childs snack and lunches



## Spare Items required

At preschool please ensure your child/ren has:

- a spare set of clothes at preschool.



- Nappies or training pants & and wet wipes



- suncream



## Dates for your diaries

20 Apr	Start of the Summer term
12 May	EID (tbc)
28 May - 7 Jun	Half term week
19 Jul	Sports day
21 Jul	Graduation day
23 Jul	End of term
26 Jul - 7 Aug	Holiday playcare (tbc)
Sept	Start of the autumn term



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# Holiday Club



**Watoto  
Pre-School**

**26 July - 7 August 2021**  
**8am - 4pm**

Each day children can enjoy an exciting range of themed activities... from science, natural outdoors, Watoto bake off, carnival/circus, beach holiday and lots more. (Activity programme to be confirmed).

We offer free play and free choice of activities.

We underpin our delivery through being a TEAM and Thinking Positive, Eating healthy, Activities to express self-expression and mindfulness.

Light snacks are provided, and a packed lunch should be sent.

To book holiday club sessions during the holiday please email Lisa Haywood

[L.haywood@watotopreschool.co.uk](mailto:L.haywood@watotopreschool.co.uk)



## Pricing

**Full day**      **£35**

**Half day**      **£20**

**2 hours**      **£12**