



HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHILD

# Parent/Carers Newsletter



## Welcome

Welcome to Watoto Pre-School!

I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break where possible. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead full of fantastic learning through play opportunities.

It has been wonderful to have the children back in preschool, they have really enjoyed seeing their friends and making new ones, they are so very happy to be back in preschool.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all of our parent/carers who have been so co-operative about the new systems we have in place for drop off and collect. Inevitably we have had some teething problems so thank you so much for bearing with us

**Sharon (Manager)**

## Staying in Touch

To ensure communication is maintained with you during these strange times we have the following in place:

- Need to speak with your child's key person ring or email us to arrange a meeting or zoom call
- You will receive a call from your child's key person twice each term.
- ParentZone, our new online app, to be launched this term, will support your partnership with your child's key person by allowing two-way communication.
- The Parent/Carer newsletter will be published twice per term.
- We now have outdoor notice boards at both entrances.
- We also have Facebook and Instagram pages where we post information so please join as it is a good way to keep up to date with events and other thing happening at pre-school.



# Keeping each other safe

## #STAYSAFE

The wellbeing and safety of our children, their families and our staff team is a priority. Since the COVID-19 outbreak we have implemented enhanced safety and hygienic measures based on the public Health England and DFE guidance.

To compliment these measure: all staff have completed training to ensure we are all COVID aware and up to date with government guidelines.

Children are being supported to understand how to keep safe – practice the precautionary measures regular hand washing, sneezing into a tissue etc.

Staff are supporting children to talk about their feelings and talk about what's happening in the world around them.



We have a COVID risk assessment and related policy & procedures in place. These are reviewed and updated regularly, and available to view on request.

Parent carers and staff have sign up to the Preschool - Home COVID 19 agreement. which outlines the preschools expectations during these challenging times.

Thank you for your support and cooperation

## NHS COVID APP



The preschool has signed up to support the NHS COVID track & trace initiative, We now have a QR code, which is displayed in the side window at the main entrance.

With immediate effect all visitors will be asked to check in via the NHS COVID-19 app before entering preschool.

The app allows people to report symptoms, order a coronavirus test, check in to venues by scanning a QR code and it helps the NHS trace individuals that may have coronavirus.

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# Outdoor Learning

Our outdoor learning environment plays an important role in our curriculum, providing children with opportunities to explore and experiment, ask questions, make observations, problem solve etc, whilst having lots of fun.

To enrich your child's learning through play, your child will be encouraged to explore our fantastic play and garden areas during all weathers.

You can help by:

- Dressing your child for outdoor learning everyday.
- Layering your children's clothing, for example a vest, long-sleeved t-shirt, zipped hoody or fleece and a jacket, along with warm trousers or thick leggings
- Ensuring your child has waterproof footwear. (you could leave a pair at preschool)
- Provide a full set of spare clothes.
- Talking to your child's key person if you have any queries.



## New Staff

This term Vicki and Angela joined the Watoto Family. both are fully qualified Senior Early Years Practitioners with over 20 years experience between them.

We're excited to see Angela and Vicki apply their experience and knowledge to help build on our existing quality and reach our goal of gaining an outstanding Ofsted rating.

# ParentZone

We are excited to announce the launch of Parent Zone app this month.

ParentZone is a smartphone app which gives you access to the information about your child's day at a time which suits you best.

ParentZone increases your partnership with your child's key person by allowing two-way communication.

To download the new app head to your app store and search for 'ParentZone'.



We will send you an email or SMS so you can set up your own login and password detail. Any queries please email us: [admin@watotopreschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@watotopreschool.co.uk)

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## Future Dates

**Phone calls from your child's key worker**

**Monday 19th - 23rd October 2020**

**Autumn half term break**

**Monday 26th - 30th October 2020**

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## Superhero Number Game

### What you will need:

- A4 paper
- Pen
- Dice



### How to play

- Using the A4 paper write down a superhero move for each of the numbers on the dice (1= 10 star jumps, 2= balance on 1 leg for 5 seconds, 3= hop on 1 foot 4 = spiderman crawl, 5 = run on the spot as fast as you can 6= 10 hulk stomps)
- Take turns to roll the dice and the super move for which ever number rolled
- You can ask your child to help come up with some new moves to try too.

