

Summer Term 1 2020

Usually we would be using our newsletter to tell you about all the things that are happening this term however during this uncertain time we are unsure of what is happening at the moment. However, there are a few items we need to update you on and share with you.



Covid-19

We are continuing to follow the government guidance with regards to the current lockdown situation. We are hoping that we will be allowed to reopen to everyone when the government review the situation in 3 weeks' time. We will continue to keep you updated when we know what we are allowed to do and share with you our plan to reopen when it is possible to do so. We have been communicating with the Local Authority and we have been asked to share the information about seeking medical advice during the Covid-19 outbreak. The government have an increasing concern regarding the reduction in children attending A&E and seeking medical advice. Much of this is due to the misunderstanding that all NHS services are focusing on Covid-19 and normal services are not open. It is crucial that you seek help and advice if your child needs medical attention. The attached information shows when you should seek help. The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service have also put together several resources to support families. We have attached their flyer about the resources available to families to this newsletter.

Stories/Photo's

We hope you are all enjoying our daily stories from staff and children, we are continuing to do these for as long as we possibly can. If your child would like to share a story or sing a song or send a message to their friends, then please send it to us via WhatsApp. We have loved seeing all your photo's on Baby's Days and love seeing what you've all been doing with your families. Please keep uploading them as they bring a smile to our faces.

Staffing Changes

At the beginning of April, Vicki (Deputy in Kittens) left the team to start a new adventure with her partner, Claire is now the new Deputy in Kittens. Claire has been working in Kittens for a long period of time and knows the children and room routine well. We wish her luck in her new role! Tina also left us in March to look after her family.

Parents Evening Reports

All rooms were due to hold parents' evenings this month however where we are closed and unsure when we can reopen it is not possible to do this. However, the staff in all rooms have been working from home and writing reports about your child which includes what they would have discussed with you at parents evening. We will be emailing these out to you by the end of the week with a feedback comment form, please could you write feedback and email it back to us.

Changes in sessions

Just a reminder if you wish to change your child's days/hours then we require 4 weeks' notice of these changes. If you think you will need to alter arrangements for when your child attends after we return to normal, please message us, so we can discuss this with you and make amendments to the staff numbers and children in each room in preparation for re-opening. We are also sorting out our rooms for September 2020. If your child is moving rooms or will be receiving funding meaning that you would like new days/times, please could you let us know ASAP. The rooms are nearly full, and some have waiting lists on certain days, we will try our best to accommodate everyone's needs and requested days, however we may not be able to do this if we don't receive enough notice.

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Parents Group

We have set up a new Facebook group which is just for current parents and staff of HFHC, we would like to use this page to send messages, share photo's/video's with you and allow our team to post messages to the children.

We will also post updates and share activity ideas. This is a private group and information is only visible to parents and staff on the group to allow communication between us.

Please feel free to join: www.facebook.com/groups/HFHC.ABC



**We all miss you lots and can't wait to see you all soon!
Please take care, keep yourself safe and remember we are always here for you all!**

**Lots of love
Your Home from Home Childcarers Family
xxx**