

Parent and Carer Guidance



We are very pleased to announce that Tots & Toddlers at St. Mary's Church, Riverhead will be reopening after a long period of closure due to the pandemic. Our aim is to provide a happy, secure and safe environment for you and your children. In order that we all feel that it is a relaxing and pleasant place for both families and our volunteer helpers, we ask that you please read the guidelines below to help everyone enjoy their time with us.

With the recent easing of restrictions, and the still ever present Covid infections locally, we feel it is necessary to put some measures in place to ensure the safety of our group users as best we can.

How we will aim to reduce transmission:

Signing in

A volunteer will sign you in and out of the group, and the signing in sheet will be used as a record of visitors for NHS Test and Trace. Should a positive case be recorded, the families who attended the session will be contacted.

Symptoms / Positive Covid Cases

To keep all our group users safe, please do not attend the group if you or your child are displaying any signs or symptoms of illness.

We ask that you please let us know as soon as possible if you or your child test positive for Covid within 48 hours of attending the group.

Face Masks

For the safety of all our group users, our volunteers will be wearing masks when indoors. We ask that you please wear a face covering when moving around the hall.

Ventilation

Good ventilation is vital as it reduces the concentration of Covid-19 in the air, which reduces the risks from airborne transmission. Windows will be opened to ensure that the space is well-ventilated with fresh air. All our windows have restricted opening and are at child height, therefore please keep a close eye on your child and their fingers!

Hygiene

Government guidance recommends that everyone maintains good hand hygiene. As such, hand sanitiser is provided at the entrance and near the kitchen hatch. We encourage parents and families to use it regularly throughout the session.

Cleaning

Regular cleaning takes place as part of our usual cleaning regime for the hall. However there will be limited toys and resources which will be rotated and cleaned before use each week. Wipes will be available for parent/carers to use when necessary.

Additional Information:

- Only 1 parent/carers per family can attend, with no limits on the number of children brought in to the group.
- Whilst we are all concerned about the safety and wellbeing of the children whilst they are with us, please be aware that your child/children are ultimately your responsibility at all times.
- No babies or children are permitted in the kitchen area, and care must be taken when hot drinks are consumed near the children. Children should not be permitted in to the toilet areas unaccompanied.
- For both space and safety reasons, we regret that we are unable to accommodate older siblings.
- Due to restricted space, buggies should be parked in the lobby area, unless your child is sleeping.

We look forward to welcoming you back!

If you have any questions please do get in touch by email at stmarystots@gmail.com