



COG Summer Playscheme 2021 Over-arching principles

The main priority for the COG Summer Playscheme is the health and safety of all members of our community – children, parents, staff, visitors and the local community. Should health and safety become a concern, this plan will be updated with immediate effect. The new plan will be shared with all attending the COG Summer Playscheme. Please also be mindful that should it be deemed the safest course of action, COG may be closed at the last minute – of course, we sincerely hope that there is no need to do this.

The measures put in place here have been developed following consultation with staff, trustees, volunteers and guidance from the Government, Department of Health and Public Health England.

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| Preventing cross contamination | <p>For the COG Summer Playscheme, we will be operating mainly outdoors. It will not always be possible to maintain the 2m distancing with very young children. However:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will utilise all areas of our outside area for the children and attending responsible adults. • Staff members and volunteers will, as far as possible, maintain 2m distance with other adults. • The outside area will be split into three distinct sections: Forest School, Grass Area and Hard Area. • Parents/carers or children will have limited access to inside the buildings except to use the toilet or to access the baby changing area – see plans below. A mask is to be worn inside unless there is an exemption. • Do not bring toys or items from home to the session. • No food or drink to be brought into the session, each child will be provided with a packed lunch. |
| Priority booking | <p>The 2021 Playscheme can only be accessed by COG families who currently have a child/ren attending a nursery session or who will start a session in September 2021. Siblings can attend (up to 8 years) Those families who attend our SPOKAN support group, early intervention groups and families who have had children recently left COG are also invited to attend.</p> |
| Social distancing | <p>The DfE have acknowledged that it is virtually impossible to keep 2m social distancing in early years settings, however we have put in place measures to maximise space and minimise close social contact – see ‘preventing cross contamination’ above.</p> |
| Maximising air flow | <p>We will utilise outdoor spaces for the entire session so please ensure that your child has sun-cream applied on sunny days and a hat. On rainy days a suitable waterproof coat will need to be worn. All gates to our outside spaces will be locked for security.</p> |
| Clothes | <p>As we will be doing lots of outdoor activities, children are asked to wear suitable play clothes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please dress your child in loose fitting clothing especially those still in nappies – no tights or tight-fitting jeans. • Clothes should be easy to remove during changing so that we can minimise the time this takes and the amount of time you and your child will spend indoors. |
| What to bring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spare nappies and wipes if needed. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spare set of clothes if needed. • Coat and/or Sun hat as necessary • Waterproof clothing if needed. <p>Please do not bring anything else.</p> |
| Activities | There will be themed activity each week with connected activities in each of the three separate areas. <u>Week 1</u> Sports/Olympics <u>Week 2</u> Mini Beasts <u>Week 3</u> Dinosaurs <u>Week 4</u> Under the Sea. Due to current Government guidance there will be limited “messy play” |
| Cleaning | We will remove some of our smaller outside toys and staff will have disinfectant available to ensure that surfaces are cleaned should the need arise. An updated document has been provided to the cleaner to ensure that all key areas are cleaned thoroughly daily. We will disinfectant touch points such as door handles, light switches and taps frequently. |
| Symptoms at COG | <p>The following could be symptoms of coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high temperature, a continuous dry cough, a loss or change to sense of smell or taste. <p>If you or your child experiences any of these symptoms while they are with us, we will isolate them (with an adult) and ask you to leave the session immediately.</p> |
| Outside COG | Please ensure that you follow government advice with regards to travelling to and from COG. Parents/carers will need to socially distance when waiting to enter the playscheme. |
| Outreach | Our Outreach Team will still be available to speak with parents at times throughout the six-week summer break. They can be contacted on a Tuesday and Thursday morning at outreach@opportunity-group.co.uk or via the cog mobiles 07484 543 527 or 07928 823 478 Vicky is available the first week of the holiday and Jem the last week. If possible, we ask you to book an appointment if an emergency home visit is required. Outreach will also be working throughout the playscheme. |

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| Preparation | <p>Please talk to your child about the Playscheme and how it will be different from their nursery session.</p> <p>At the start of the session staff and volunteers may be wearing face masks and potentially face shields and gloves depending on the contact they need to have with parents and children. This may also change as government guidelines change.</p> |
| Arriving | <p>Please follow the signs in the car park – roughly we hope to direct you to park on the right-hand side of our car park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it is raining, those walking will be invited to bring their children in first. Those driving should wait in their cars until a member of staff signals you in. • In sunny weather you are invited to form a queue on the left-hand side of the car park – each family should be at least 2m apart and cones will be there to guide you where to stand. • Entrance will be through the side gate into the outside play area – a member of staff will allow one family in at a time. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once this family have entered the next family will be invited in. • A member of staff will always be manning this gate to ensure the safety of the children. You will need to read and sign a consent form and a daily register. <p>Only staff, volunteers and adults and children who have booked a place in advance will be permitted on the premises.</p> <p>Our covered area will not be available for the storage of buggies. If you need to leave your buggy in our car park, please bring a rain cover.</p> |
| During the session | <p>We will make our sessions as fun as possible for the children but there will be some differences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will have more freedom when outdoors and will be outside for the entire session. • We will utilise our paved play area, grassy area and forest school in three sections. • If it is raining, there is a covered area in each area to eat lunch or enjoy the planned activity. • Children will always be the responsibility of the attending adult. |
| Toilets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one child will be permitted to go to the bathroom at any one time. • Parent will ensure that children use hand soap and wash their hands for 20 seconds. • A baby change area is provided in the children's toilets. • Adults attending can use the disabled toilet only. |
| Lunch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each child will be provided with a packed lunch; sandwich, fruit, flapjack/cake, crisps and a carton of juice. Dietary requirements are noted in advance. • Children will wash their hands or use hand sanitiser before and after eating lunch, as always at COG! |
| Leaving | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and adults will either have just washed their hands or will be given hand sanitiser on leaving. |