**STEPPING STONES PRE-SCHOOL GROUP**

**STAY SAFE, KEEP HEALTHY, ENCOURAGE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR,**

**THEREFORE ENJOY, ACHIEVE AND BE HAPPY**

“Big journeys begin with small Stepping Stones”

25th August 2020

Dear parents,

Hello we hope that you are all well. We continue to congratulate you on becoming educators as well as all of the hundreds of other duties that you have to do, and thank you for embracing some of the ideas and activities that we have supplied through our on line learning, plus surviving the summer holidays and look forward to welcoming your children from **7th September** (crossing all fingers!!)

***We have included the session times that we have claimed for your child, in this email***, but due to the Covid 19 restrictions we have made some safety changes intended to minimise the spread of infection, and will start this term as follows, reviewing this plan each term:

**Access and times:**

**Adults please wear masks whilst on the school property and adhere to one parent with social distancing at all times**

For all children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017

Access in via the school gate and around the playground, keeping to the left at 9am.

We will then advise how parents can leave after dropping your child at the Preschool door (it may mean walking down the back lane, so sorry)

We will bring your children back to the main school gate at 12 o’clock for them to have lunch with you.

***Any parent needing provision before 9am, please contact us, as if there is enough demand, we may be able to open from 8.30 (at a minimal fee) but this will not include breakfast at the moment.***

For two year old children attending play sessions

Please meet our staff at the main school gate at 12.05 after the morning children have vacated

One parent only, please, to follow our staff, social distancing around the playground with your child

Please bring a packed lunch if your child has not already eaten it!

For all children attending 30 hours or paying to stay extended hours in the afternoon

Please bring a packed lunch for your child

*The afternoon sessions will* ***finish at 3pm*** *and we will have to advise you on day one how to gain access to us at this time. School children will be leaving via the playground at different times during the afternoons, so* ***we need to comply with the school’s plans for leaving to keep all children safe.***

***Prompt timing is therefore essential for all arrivals and collections***

There will be funding/admission paperwork to complete during the first couple of days so please keep a bit of time for this, to include the signing of a safety declaration before your child can attend

**Safety declaration** is enclosed….please familiarise yourself with this, it includes what you may need to bring each day; if you prefer to print it out, sign it and bring it with you, please do so.

We have to be prepared for local closures, in such an event we will continue with our learning ‘on line via Facebook, as we have been throughout these difficult times, or for any of our children still in a ‘shielding situation’.

We are so looking forward to returning to some sort of ‘normal’, and hope that we all stay safe and happy, we have really missed you.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, or make any queries via email or Facebook message

Sue and the girls