

Dear Parent/Carer,

Parent Support Groups while Toddler groups are paused

On your behalf I want to thank our amazing Toddler Group leaders for their commitment in volunteering to run the sessions. I know that all of you find them to be beneficial for you and your children.

The leaders took a very difficult decision to suspend the Toddler groups after considering the current data on Covid-19 and as a safeguard for the wellbeing of families and volunteers. This decision to resume the full toddler sessions is to be assessed in February Half Term.

However, we are very aware that there is still a need for some to be able to continue to have a place to meet for the wellbeing of the children and parents. With this in mind, the church have explored an interim solution. We have decided that we will revert back to what we did during the last lock down and offer a Parent Support group at the same session times that Toddlers usually meet. The difference will be that there will be less toys out and more space between apparatus. We will keep the place ventilated and masks are still required. Refreshments will be available, but we won't be having a long table to serve. We will find a safe and spaced out method of providing the snack and the drinks for parents and children. We will limit the toys where there is a lot of sharing, like dressing up clothes. And we will not be having craft activities neither will we circle time at the end of the session. Weather permitting, the outside play area will be open.

The team running parent support will be smaller and we hope there will be a shared ownership of the group between parents.

We know that some parents may feel that they want to wait until they come back to the group. This will not mean that you lose your place in the Toddler Group. The register for the groups will resume when the Toddler Sessions do.

If you have any questions concerns, please do contact me and I will be glad to talk.

My number is 07748641358

Please keep safe and well and we hope to see you soon.

With kindest regards

Rev Jonathan Haigh.