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Dear families,

After a year of behind the scenes planning and decisions, we are delighted to have officially have the Hemingford Playgroup under school leadership. We have lots of work ahead of us to keep the provision financially viable under school leadership and we are committed to making it a success. Having early years provision is important for our families and the community and important for the early education of the children who attend.

I am writing to update you of a few changes for September. The Playgroup will now become Hemingford Pre-school:



Uniform (optional)

The uniform will align to our school uniform colour, with navy blue t-shirts and sweatshirts with a logo being available from the <https://www.thegreenschoolshop.co.uk> ready for September. Uniform is not compulsory and children may wear any clothes suitable for a day at pre-school.

Two and a half year old provision

In order to continue to provide both a high level of care, alongside early years education, we have decided to offer set sessions only, for two and a half year olds from September. This will be for three morning sessions per week. The number of sessions on offer will remain under review from September, whilst we monitor impact of the changes. Limiting provision for two year olds can better enable staff to cater to the developmental needs of the children attending. There will be no offer for wrap around provision until children turn three years old.

Wrap Around

Wrap Around provision will continue 8-9am and 3-5.30pm Monday to Friday term-time only. This provision is for children aged 3-5 years old, so includes Reception aged children, who are still within the

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Early Years Foundation stage and will benefit from the nurturing environment as they begin school. Charges for this are £5.20 per hour.

Fees

A revised fee structure is in place for September. These fees have been agreed by a sub-committee of the Hemingford Grey Primary School Governing Body, following evaluation of local providers and current funding rates.

	Two Year Olds	Three/Four Year Olds
Charges per hour 2021-22 9am-3pm Monday – Friday Term Time only	£5.80 per hour	£5.20 per hour

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Lucy Johnston-Tierney as Deputy Manager to work alongside Andrea Thompson as Manager and the rest of the team. Lucy has taught and led in early years settings, focussing on successfully moving learning on and ensuring continuous provision is age appropriate and accessible to all children.

Faye Lyon recently joined the team and is fast becoming a firm favourite with everyone.

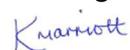
Mrs Askew, Foundation Stage leader and Reception class teacher will work closely with the team to ensure the planning, provision and practice supports all the children in working towards their developmental goals and that early years education at Hemingford ensures the best start for every child. Mrs Askew looks forward to meeting you and running some parent sessions on independence, early language development and early phonics.

Andrea, Lucy, Sarah, Vicki, Marilyn, Angela, Jodie, Faye and Kathryn are sad to say goodbye to their cohort of pre-schoolers who are moving into Reception, but look forward to welcoming new faces in September.

Website and who to contact

The school website from September, will have a section dedicated to Pre-school and all information should be available. The main contact remains Andrea Thompson as Manager. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,



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