

## **Parent / Carer Information Saturday Play Session 2020**

*FAQ's*

### **What will my child do at the Saturday Play Sessions?**

The Adventure Playground is an amazing child led play space staffed by experienced playworkers. Apart from our rope swings, zip line, loose parts and mud kitchen playworkers facilitate self directed play, suggest games to play and help your child to get what they want out of the session.

### **How are your sessions Covid Safe?**

We have conducted a thorough Covid 19 Risk assessment and meet the government's criteria of a Covid Safe workplace. Children will be required to use hand sanitiser on arrival and throughout the session. Our inside space will be unavailable apart from for toilets and first aid and we have an equipment cleaning regime to ensure we have cleansed high touch contact points. We would like to remind you to please stay at home if you or anyone at home is displaying coronavirus symptoms and arrange to be tested.

### **You have mixed age groups of 5 - 12 years - how can you meet the needs of all these different age groups?**

Having access to children of different ages is highly beneficial for children. Whilst children are grouped in age bands at school this is more to do with the historical reasons of being able to have a constant supply of people ready for the workforce. Humans are social creatures and we are made to live in communities which are naturally made up of people of all ages and stages of life. Older children benefit from being able to support younger children practicing their nurturing skills whilst reinforcing their own developmental skills. Younger children love to spend time with older children too - they observe all kinds of skill sets they are yet to acquire and are motivated to develop their own abilities as a result. Playworkers are always observing the children and will always ensure that all children are happy in their interactions with each other.

### **What should my child wear?**

Clothes for playing in - clothes that can get dirty, wet and generally messy. If children are worried that they will be in trouble for getting their clothes dirty it stops them from playing in the way that they want to which can frustrate and upset them. Please ensure that your child brings sufficient layers ie a fleece/jumper and a coat/waterproof - generally we find that children are so physically active that they don't feel the cold in the same way as the playworkers observing! Your child may want to spend extended times on a more sedentary activity such as art and craft or the mud kitchen - playworkers will prompt them to layer up if needed.

### **What should my child bring to eat/drink?**

Please send your child with their own named water bottle (this can be refilled on site if needed.) You may send a snack if you think your child will need one - there will be no set snack time but we will make sure your child eats their snack safely. Please NO NUTS or nut containing products. We have several children with life threatening allergies and it is imperative we maintain a nut free play space.

### **Previously sessions were open access and the gate was open for children to come and go - is this the same?**

Due to Covid guidelines our sessions are drop off and closed access. This means that in contrast to our historical operating model of 'open access' our sessions will be closed access for the foreseeable future. Groups will be consistent to minimise children mixing with lots of different children which is why we require a half term booking instead of dropping in whenever suits. Once we have welcomed all the children on our register we will lock the gate and dismiss the children to a parent/carer at the end of the session.

### **Can I come in and see what is happening during the session?**

Current Covid safe guidelines prohibit parents from entering our site. The Adventure Playground has always been an adult free zone (apart from the playworkers!) It is important that children feel free to play in the way that they chose and it is for this reason that we don't allow parents on site. You are welcome to bring a chair and sit outside while the session takes place. Lots of parents use this time to go for a walk/have a coffee/catch up their 'to do' lists. You can be sure your child will not leave as the gates will be locked during the session.

We will be happy to answer any further questions you may have - please email [info@marblehillplaycentres.com](mailto:info@marblehillplaycentres.com) or speak to a playworker.