

Toddlers at Binscombe Church Guidance for Parents



We are very much looking forward to restarting Toddlers! We take seriously the responsibility to run this group in a COVID-secure way and to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus.

Here is a summary of the steps we are taking.

For further information, our full risk assessment for the group can be found on our website.

What we are doing:

- Hand sanitiser will be provided at each entrance and all children, parents/carers and leaders will be required to clean their hands on arrival, as well as during the session where appropriate (e.g. before using shared toys like ride-on vehicles outside). There will also be hand sanitiser in each room.
- We will be cleaning all surfaces before and after the session and frequently touched surfaces when appropriate.
- The premises will be well ventilated (where possible) and a one-way system will be in place between the rooms/outside area.
- To ensure that we can accommodate everyone safely, we need to limit the number of households who can attend each week; an online sign up system is in place.
- Each household will be allocated a space in the main hall, which will be 2 metres from another household. Each space will have a chair for the adult, a bag containing a variety of toys, and a bag containing a craft and some pre-wrapped snacks.
- We will plan our programme to make social distancing possible, and we will minimise the sharing of equipment. Whilst we won't encourage it, we realise that Toddlers may want to swap toys with other children. This is left to your discretion (and if you would to use an anti-bac wipe to clean a toy, do let us know). We intend to use the ride-on toys outside, for those who would like to. Where possible, we will try to wipe down the ride-on toys when the user changes.
- We are not providing drinks, but we will provide a pre-wrapped snack for each adult and child.
- We keep a register each week and will pass on your details to NHS Test and Trace if necessary.

What we will ask you to do:

- Please don't attend the group if anyone in your household is displaying any symptoms of coronavirus, or if you have been asked to self-isolate.
- Adults are asked to wear a face mask for the duration of the session, unless they are exempt, or the adult is a leader speaking from the front.
- Please arrive by the side door (to the left of the building) and register in the side room. Buggies can be left in this room.
- Please follow the one-way system which will be explained/marked out.
- Only one household may be in the toilet areas at a time. Please wait in the foyer for a toilet to become free.
- A bag of toys will be provided for each household, but if you would rather bring your own toys for your toddler to use, you are welcome to do this, at your own risk.
- All adults are asked to **maintain social distancing at all time inside and outside the church**. The leaders will inform you of current government guidelines regarding socialising (e.g. 2 household / 'rule of 6' etc) which we ask each adult to adhere to. We realise that Toddlers won't socially distance, but whilst in the building, we aim for each household to remain in their area as far as is possible.
- Please bring any drinks that you require for yourself and your child(ren).

We look forward to seeing you soon!

