



Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome to our 'Autumn' term newsletter. As I write this, it's currently 32 degrees and feels a long way off Autumn! I hope you all had a wonderful summer, and we are very pleased to have you all back and look forward to welcoming new children to our setting. There is lots of important information in the newsletter so please take the time to read through it all and let me know if you have any questions.

My aim is to develop strong relationships with parents to facilitate excellent communication between us and you, my door is always open and if you ever need to talk to me about anything at all, I will ensure we find a time to meet. We appreciate constructive feedback at all times to continuously aid us in our aim to provide outstanding early years provision.

Kind Regards

Charlotte Trustram  
Manager


Health reminders:

Notoriously this is the term that we struggle with illness as the weather takes a turn and infections start to do the rounds.

Our sickness policy is available to view on our website and in the folder in the waiting room, but as a general rule please observe the following:

- If your child has a cold (runny nose, cough etc.) but is otherwise well in themselves with no temperature, they may attend as normal.
- If your child has a temperature, they must not attend.
- If your child has had to have any medication other than routine medication, they must not attend.
- If your child has had sickness and or diarrhoea, they must remain absent for 48 hours after the last episode.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For infectious diseases we follow NHS guidance for exclusion, please see the chart at the end of this letter.</li> </ul> <p>We do have vulnerable children at pre-school so we would ask that all parents observe these guidelines.</p>
<p><b><u>General Reminders</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We do go outside in all weather, and we have recently taken over our new outdoor area and working hard on sorting the floor surface. For now, it is just mud which will become wet over the winter but we will be going out there! Please ensure children come to pre-school with appropriate clothing that is clearly named. We have puddle suits for the children but due to being pack away we do not have storage for wellies. Please ensure children bring wellies with them every day.</li> <li>➤ We have a family wall that the children can look at and this often prompts lots of conversations about our families and what we do outside pre-school. If you've not yet done so, please bring in a 4x6" LANDSCAPE photo of them with their family that we can add to the wall. We do have children asking where their photos are so we've told them to ask parents when they get home if they can have one.</li> <li>➤ All our policies are available on Tapestry and also in the waiting room at pre-school. They are also available on our website.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>New Parent Resource</u></b></p>	<p>Over the summer I have been working on making a parent resource library, consisting of packs that may be borrowed and taken home. The packs will have a specific topic and will contain useful information, resources, activities and appropriate story books. The topics our current packs cover are:</p> <p>Emotions  New baby  Online safety  Toilet training  Oral health  Biting  Fine motor development.</p> <p>We're really proud of these and hope they will be of some use to our families. Keep an eye out for them appearing in the waiting room!</p>

<p><b><u>Pre-School Uniform</u></b></p> 	<p>Our uniform supplier is PL Schoolwear based in Aylesbury. You can collect from here to save on delivery or delivery options are available. The link to our online shop is below.  <a href="https://plschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/aston-clinton-pre-school/">https://plschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/aston-clinton-pre-school/</a></p>
<p><b><u>Ad hoc session service</u></b></p>	<p>Generally, your child will attend our setting for fixed sessions, in the main utilising funded hours. As a working mum to two children, I am aware that sometimes the best laid plans don't always go the way we'd hoped. To that end I would like to offer an additional provision, whereby we can offer ad hoc sessions to cover any childcare issues you may stumble upon. I must stress that this will always be subject to existing ratios and staffing, but if we can help by having your child in session as a one off then we will. I must also make it clear that if you did want us to provide an additional ad hoc session that this would be chargeable and not covered by funding. Unfortunately, due to planning for staff ratios we are unable to swap sessions on a weekly basis, but you can add an extra session. If ever you're stuck either with advance notice or last minute, please always get in touch to ask as we will do our best to accommodate.</p>
<p><b><u>New Parents Information Evening</u></b></p>	<p>On 21<sup>st</sup> September, I would like to invite all our new parents and anyone that hasn't made a meeting previously to attend an online information evening. It will be held over Microsoft Teams, and I will aim to begin around 7.30. It won't last more than an hour but is a chance for you to be introduced to the updated Early Years Statutory Framework and receive an explanation about our curriculum, what we do, what you can expect to see and how you can contribute to the successful learning and development of your child in preparation for school.</p> <p>Please follow the link below to access the meeting:</p> <p><a href="https://teams.live.com/joinmeeting/942565568239?p=JhRc3Q81nLSDyXGw">https://teams.live.com/joinmeeting/942565568239?p=JhRc3Q81nLSDyXGw</a></p>
<p><b><u>Parents Evening</u></b></p>	<p>We will be holding our parents evening face to face on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30pm. Appointments will be scheduled nearer the time, but we hope everyone can make it along to talk to their child's keyworker.</p>
<p><b><u>Parents stay and play sessions</u></b></p>	<p>We would like to invite parents of children that are attending pre-school to stay and play from 9am until 9.30am on the following dates this term:</p> <p>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023  Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023</p>

These are a lovely opportunity to come in and let your child show you their world for little while, it's also a great time for you to explore our new outside area. If your child does not attend either of these sessions, please don't worry we will make sure we include them in the next one.



We have lots of different ways for you to get in touch with us.

Our mobile number is: 07928309321

My email address is [manager@astonclintonpreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@astonclintonpreschool.co.uk) I am contactable on this during pre-school hours.

Pam's email address for placements is [acpreschoolplacements@gmail.com](mailto:acpreschoolplacements@gmail.com)

Our Chairperson Jo's email address is [acpscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:acpscommittee@gmail.com)

**Notifying absence** - The preferred method of absence notification is texting the pre-school number. Please let us know on the child's first day of absence and let us know the reason. We will not respond to absence notifications but will mark these in the register. Our sickness policy details exclusion periods for various illnesses, but a reminder that with common sickness and diarrhoea illnesses, children must remain absent for 48 hours following the last episode of illness.



Aston Clinton Pre-School is on Facebook and Instagram! These are useful ways of communicating with you on a regular basis regarding updates and notices that need to be given out! We also share things that we are doing and other relevant information you might find useful! Please follow both the pages!

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/AstonClintonEarlyYears>  
Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/preschoolastonclinton/>

Last year I redesigned and rebuilt our website. This is now live and I do try to keep it up to date with information. There are also links to all sorts of support covering many different areas, so do take a look around it. <http://www.astonclintonpreschool.co.uk/>

**Diary Dates**



Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 9am	Pre-school opens
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Jo Jingles - for those children in on a Tuesday.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 7.30pm	New parents' information evening online.

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 9-9.30	Parents stay and play morning.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Jo Jingles - for those children in on a Wednesday.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2.45pm	Pre-school closes
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Pre-school opens
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Jo Jingles - for those children in on a Tuesday.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 9-9.30am	Parents stay and play morning.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 1pm onwards	Christmas performance - details to follow nearer the time.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-school closes - Christmas party for all, no normal session.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 9am	Pre-school opens
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2.45pm	Pre-school closes
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 9am	Pre-school opens.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 12pm	Pre-school closes
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 9am	Pre-school opens
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2.45pm	Pre-school closes
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 9am	Pre-school opens
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2.45pm	Pre-school closes
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers party for school leavers only, details TBC.

**Pre-school Checklist**

Going to Pre-school I need to pack everyday:

Change of clothes that are season appropriate and fit me, including pants and socks.

Nappies, nappy sacks and wipes (where needed)

Wellies

Lunch box (where needed)

Comforter from home

Raincoat/hat and gloves/sun hat/sun cream (depending on the weather)

As a one off a 6x4" LANDSCAPE picture of me and my family



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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

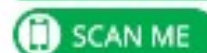
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth

Glandular fever



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for