



Dear parents and carers

Please accept our very warm welcome to Cholsey Pre-School! For some of you it is welcome back, and for others this is the start of a new journey and the Cholsey Pre-School Committee hope that you are all settling into Pre-school life and getting used to new routines.

Due to Covid-friendly rules the Pre-School Committee members haven't been able to go into the setting in person yet but we have heard amazing things from the Staff about how well your little ones are settling in and how they already seem very comfortable in their surroundings and with the staff. Lovely to hear!

Most of you will already know that as a registered charity, Cholsey Pre-School is run by an elected voluntary committee (this is very different from the way that primary schools are set up). Being run by a voluntary committee ensures that major decision making is in the hands of the parents of those using the setting and that you have a direct impact on the wonderful experience that your child(ren) will benefit from at Cholsey Pre-School.

Whilst Pre-School receives funding from the Government, sadly this money only goes to cover 67% of our running costs, leaving us with almost a third of our running costs to find via fees to parents, sales and fundraising. This obviously makes charitable donations and fundraising incredibly important to us to provide the best possible facilities and equipment for the children, maintain the continued progression of our staff and provide basics such as toilet roll, soap, printer paper, art materials and so on.

This is where you all can make a direct contribution and very soon we'll be in touch with details about joining the Committee, our annual general meeting (which will this year be an online meeting) and how you as a family can help with our fundraising efforts to maintain the very best standards for the children in our care.

We look forward to working with you all this year for another brilliant year at Cholsey Pre-School – our 52<sup>nd</sup> year of providing excellent, affordable and accessible Pre-School education for local children aged two to five.

With warm wishes

The Cholsey Pre-School Committee