**NEWS LETTER 22nd September 2017**

**Dear Parents,**

**30 Hour Funding**

 When checking the registers it has come to our attention that some children are coming into session earlier than their allocated times. We can accommodate the children coming in earlier than their 9.00am allocated start but unfortunately there will have to be a charge. If you would like to change to your child coming in at 8.45am instead of 9.00am there will be a charge of £1.00 per day over the 5 days that would mean a total cost of £5.00 per week. If you do not want to commit to this time permanently we would just need to invoice you weekly for the extra hours.

**Refurbishment**

We are now back in our lovely new room and we are in the process of settling in and finding our feet with our new surroundings and tackling any teething problems that arrive swiftly and thoroughly. We appreciate the support that you have shown us over the last few weeks since we returned in September. As you can see the building works aren’t complete on the rest of the community centre and the contractors are now working on the old annex room and the new entrance that they are building. We have risk assessed the works and the contractors being on site and we have put measures in place to keep the children and staff safe. If you like to see these please speak to Dawn. Could I also ask you to be extra vigilant when arriving and leaving the premises as there will be contractors/delivery vehicles driving around the park area. We have spoken to Great Sankey Parish Council and they have agreed to put signs up to warn the drivers of said vehicles of the presence of children and parents.

**This Terms Topic**

The week beginning Monday the 2nd October we will be looking at Harvest Time. We are asking for donations of tinned food for a collection which we will then take to a food bank collection point. We will discuss how farmers plant, grow and then harvest the crops and hold a celebration to give thanks for a good harvest. We will also share how some countries due to the weather conditions don’t have a good harvest and how they need help to eat.

 **Staffing**

Mary has now left after unfortunately experiencing health issues and she will not be returning to finish her notice period. We wish her all the best in the future. We are now advertising for a new Deputy Manager and I will keep you informed of the progress. As you were informed in a previous letter Jo is now Acting Deputy Manager until we appoint a new member of staff. The remaining staff have taken over the role of keyperson to Mary’s group and you have all now been introduced to your child’s new keyperson. I would like to thank you for your understanding at this time as we move forwards and look to the future in our lovely new room.

If you have any concerns regarding any of the above issues please feel free to contact myself or your child’s keyperson.

Dawn Mullin

Setting Manager