



## **“Carvers Tiny Tots”**

### **Our aim**

We intend to open a parent/baby group at Carvers Clubhouse to support parents of babies born during or just before lockdown and have not had the opportunity to socialise with other parents as usual. The group initially will only be able to welcome babies under the age of 1 (or non-walkers). We are very aware that this will leave some parents/carers unsupported and will keep this under constant review.

### **Background**

In usual times we are blessed in Ringwood to have a variety of carer and baby/toddler groups. However, most of these have not reopened since COVID and the few that are considering reopening will have to do so with much reduced capacity. Therefore, we anticipate a need for the foreseeable future for a parent/baby group.

The intention is to run a trial group for 2 weeks and review starting the week after the October half term on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 11:15am.

### **Hands, face, space**

*Government guidance states that, “It is important for people to maintain social distancing and good hand hygiene when visiting these spaces. People using community facilities should continue to limit their interactions with those they do not live with outside of any formal activities they are participating in to help control the virus. People meeting in a club or group context at a community centre should be encouraged to socially distance from anyone they do not live with or who is not in their support bubble”*

The most important thing is that any adult or infant with possible COVID symptoms must NOT attend the group or enter the building.

All adults entering the building will be required to wear a face covering (unless exempt). We will provide hand washing facilities on entering the building and in the main hall to ensure that adults are able to practice good hand hygiene. We will set out the room in a way which supports social distancing. Face coverings should be worn when walking around the building and not consuming refreshments.

To start with, numbers will be limited to 10 adults and to non-walkers. Twins/multiples are welcome. Sadly no older siblings (we will review this as the group establishes itself). Booking and pre-payment will be essential.

### **Cleaning**

- All surfaces, especially those most frequently touched, will be cleaned regularly using standard cleaning products.
- We will allow sufficient time for this cleaning to take place, particularly before reopening the Café after the group. Frequently used objects, surfaces or spaces, including for example doorways between outside and inside spaces will be given particular attention when cleaning. Café tables and chairs will not be used during the



group to speed up the process of being able to reopen the café after the group has finished.

- Any toys and blankets used at the group will be washed or quarantined between use
- Where possible, non-fire doors and windows will be opened to improve ventilation in the hall.
- We will have toys suitable for the age group but feel free to bring your own.
- Other measures that we already have in place include:
  - o signs and posters to build awareness of good handwashing technique, the need to increase handwashing frequency, advice to avoid touching your face and to cough or sneeze into a tissue which is binned safely, or into your arm if a tissue is not available;
  - o providing hand sanitiser in multiple locations, such as entrance areas, in addition to washrooms
  - o setting clear use and cleaning guidance for toilets to ensure they are kept clean and social distancing is achieved as much as possible; and
  - o providing hand drying facilities (paper towels and electrical dryers)

## **Booking**

We anticipate a high demand for the group and booking is essential in order to maintain safe numbers. We will ask people to pay £5 to secure their place each week. This charge can be redeemed in full against any item of food or drink in the cafe during the session. We can only accept payment in person to start with which you can drop off during our opening hours Wednesday to Friday 11:30am to 4.30pm and Saturdays 10am to 2pm. Your place can only be secured with payment, you are welcome to call us to check numbers on 01425 501309 or through Facebook messenger (carversclubhouse) (but we will only reply during opening hours).

## **Appendix**

The following guidance has been reviewed when producing this activity plan:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities>

<https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/nurseries-childminders-reopen-coronavirus-lockdown>

Carvers Clubhouse risk assessment.