

## Cricklade Pre-School Playgroup – Build our Future Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the slight easing of restrictions that means we can all enjoy a bit more normality. Let's hope it continues!

As you probably know by now, we are pushing ahead with our plans to replace the pre-school building this summer. Within our budget, we have been able to secure a modular building that has the perfect layout for our setting. Although the building isn't brand new (this was too far out of reach!) it is having a complete refurbishment before it arrives on our site with new toilets, kitchen, flooring, air conditioning system etc.

We are really pleased we have been able to maintain an open plan play space – this was something that was high on our wish list. As well as this, there will be a smaller 'quiet' room which we plan to use as a sensory room in time. The entrance will be in a slightly different location (where the grass garden currently is) but with access at the other end of the building as well, this will create the opportunity for the children to have free flow access to our biggest outdoor space.

As you are aware our term finish date will now be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The work will start shortly after this: first of all by moving everything into storage, followed by demolition of the building, then groundworks for the new one and finally installation of the replacement building. Our time frame should allow for all of this to happen – including new fencing around the site – by the start of the new term on Wednesday 1st September 2021.

This has involved a lot of hard work from all staff and committee involved, but we are very excited to secure the future of Cricklade Pre-School Playgroup with the completion of this building project. Over the past 6 months, approximately £20,000 has been raised through donations and fundraising which is so fantastic! A huge, huge thank you to everyone who has helped us achieve this.

As always, if anyone can help with the project then please do let us know. At the moment we are looking into quotes for fencing and storage – so please pass on any contacts that you might have! Also, if you think you could help us by joining please the Committee, please feel free to email me for more information – we would love to hear from you!

I will be in touch soon with any other updates.

Best wishes,

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