



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

### IT'S ALL ABOUT PLAY:

Children should be able to play for play's sake, without goals and without it seeming like work. Playing at our playscheme means getting to choose how and what you want to play, where you want to play and who you want to play with. *This may include creative play; role-play & fantasy or imaginative play; using tools; building dens; making a mess; rough & tumble play; getting wet and dirty!* Playing allows children a sense of control over their lives. Play is vital for a child's happiness and wellbeing, and is as important to their development as curriculum based education. Holiday schemes offer children a chance to be free to explore and learn in their own way and in their own time. Play opportunities allow children to explore their identity, their relationship to others and society; to develop confidence, independence, and self-esteem; to learn various new skills and expand their experiences; to develop new relationships; and to experience challenge and risk so that they may extend themselves and learn to risk-assess themselves....all whilst having fun!

Our qualified and experienced Playworkers are there to create a stimulating play environment with a variety of opportunities and to observe and supervise the physical and emotional safety of the children in their care. Our playworkers aim to build positive relationships with children whilst following a non-directive approach, where children choose activities and the content of their play, and are encouraged to learn and develop through their own exploration of their environment and experiences.

The Easter holiday scheme will be held at Benthall Primary School, Benthall Road, Hackney, London N16 7AU, for children age 4-12 years old.

### CONTACTS:

**Holiday Scheme: 07717 581 929** (*this number is used during the holiday scheme dates*)

Senior Playworker: **Yvette Sutherland**

If you have any queries or complaints that cannot be addressed by the Senior Play worker please contact Anthony Greenidge on 020 8820 7517 or email

[Anthony.greenidge@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:Anthony.greenidge@hackney.gov.uk)

### **Holiday scheme opening times: 8.45am – 5.45pm daily**

Dates available	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Bank holiday				
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April					

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Play is FUN & can be MESSY!

Please make sure that your child is wearing clothes that can get messy & are also suitable for playing outdoors in all types of weather. You may wish to bring a change of clothes so that your child can enjoy playing with water; and you must supply sun cream and a hat if it's particularly hot.



### Your child will need to bring a packed lunch every day to eat with the other children:

Please try to give your child healthy foods and avoid fizzy drinks, sweets and processed foods. Hard lunch boxes are advised. We are unable to reheat food, or put food in the fridge, if possible please put ice blocks in with your child's lunch. We provide water throughout the day, juice and healthy snacks and a light breakfast from 8.45 am -9.45am.

### Please don't bring anything you or your child would be upset to lose or damage:

We cannot store or record valuables at the holiday scheme. All children really need is suitable clothes they can play in, a warm waterproof coat for playing outside, and their lunch. It's easier to play without jewellery on. *The holiday scheme take no responsibility for property that may be lost or damaged, including mobile phones.*

**Hand-held computer games or other electrical equipment will not be allowed at the scheme.**



### Non-Attendance and Refunds:



If your child is not picked up by 5:45pm **at the latest** there is a **£2** charge for every five minutes they have to be looked after. Please help us by collecting your child on time. You must ring us if you are unavoidably late. ***If your child is unwell, or does not attend the playscheme for any reason, we cannot refund for that day as the fees you have paid are for the place, not the attendance.***

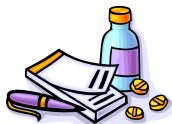
### Outings & Trips:

We sometimes take children out locally, for example to a park in the area. You can sign your consent for your child to take part in local outings on the registration form. Other trips to natural or wildlife areas are also available and you can book your child's place and pay the additional cost at the scheme. *Places are given on a first come first served basis.*



### Keeping children healthy

For your child's personal safety and well-being you need to tell us of anything we should be aware of e.g. *allergies, medication, medical conditions, special needs, religious/cultural requirements, language spoken at home*; and also provide two emergency contacts on the registration form. We have first aid qualified staff who are able to deal with minor accidental injuries which can happen whilst playing. In case of emergency we may need to take appropriate action which may include taking your child to hospital. However play staff will make every effort to contact you or one of your emergency contact numbers if this unlikely situation arises.



### Prescribed Medicines: ***Please speak to the Senior Playworker***

No medicines are administered by play scheme staff. Prescribed medication in its original container as dispensed by the pharmacy, and which is clearly labelled with the child's name, can be stored safely and given to the child to administer themselves under supervision by play scheme staff, as agreed in writing and signed by a parent/carer. In the case of **Emergency Prescribed Medication**, only appropriately trained staff members, who have given their agreement in writing to do so, can administer emergency medication to children. If possible a parent / carer should administer the medicine.