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Dear Parent/ Guardian

Firstly **Welcome to Sutton on the Hill Preschool**, and thank you for choosing us in the care and education of your child.

Sutton on the Hill Preschool was first established in 1973 and during this time it has seen different generations of many families pass through its doors.

The main purpose of the Preschool is to provide your child / children with a safe, planned, established and purposeful start in life through supporting and developing key skills and abilities which will begin their journey through education. Ultimately we work to provide them with the strong foundations needed to grow, become independent and transition into your chosen primary school.

Our aims are to:

- Provide high quality care and education for children below statutory school age
- Work in partnership with parents to help children learn and develop
- Add to the life and well-being of its local community; and
- Offer children and their parents a service which promotes equality and values diversity.

Our objectives are:

- To provide a safe and stimulating environment which enables children to make decisions
- To offer children access to a broad and balanced range of activities which stimulate and challenge them
- To provide quality play experiences as an important part of the learning process

None of this is possible without the time, energy and support provided by the Committee, Staff Members and you...the parents and guardians.

So this is where you come in. Sutton on the Hill Preschool is a charity and as such our continuation is dependent on the funding and support from parents and guardians, families, local communities and local organisations.

Whether it is your time, creativity, donations or wonderful cooking and building skills, we truly appreciate any support which can be offered. You will see in the attached calendar, our list of events for the forthcoming year, including a number of fundraisers where we ask for your support and input, and also Committee and Parent Meetings where we ask for your attendance for at least 3 of the 6 meetings in the academic year.

As I mention we are a charity and without your support we will not be able to provide the quality and much needed Early Years provision which we do. We know that your child / children will have many wonderful experiences at Sutton on the Hill Preschool and that you will be able to share in the creation of many of their memories. It is widely recognised that when parents are actively involved in their children's learning and development, children can achieve more. We strongly encourage the involvement of parents to help with the day-to-day running of the Preschool, and assisting in the organising of fundraising and social events.

As well as the benefits for the children, volunteering offers parents the opportunity to meet other parents, get more involved in the community and widen their social network, updating skills and learning new ones. I am sure you will hear many stories and tales of adventure and success at the dinner table, in-depth explanations of the worms discovered in the mud pies in Forest Schools, the cities built in the sand pit and the tales told in the cabouch under the canopy hung by the children to shelter them from the rain.

It is a pleasure and a privilege to facilitate and experience the growth and development of your child / children and we thank you for choosing us.

I look forward to hearing about the development and activities in Preschool in the coming year and to meeting you in our Committee / Parent meetings in the coming months.

With kind regards,

Johann Crisp

Sutton on the Hill Preschool Committee Chair