

The Newcroft Club

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Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds all our Newcroft club families healthy and safe and coping okay with the new way of life that the coronavirus has thrust upon us. There seems to be an abundance of online resources with some great ideas on ways to keep occupied and I'm sure the children are learning so many new things beyond the regular school curriculum. I'm afraid I am not digitally savvy enough to personally contribute to these online resources but I liked this idea from londonplay.org.uk as an idea for a bit of social play during isolationist times.

Group game: Online scavenger hunt

Children assemble their friends on a group video conference app like Zoom. Each child has to make up a list of 10 items to challenge their friends to 'scavenge' from their homes. Eg a spoon, a green lego block, a red book, a feather, a photo of a cat etc etc. The group does each challenge in turn and are ranked for speed. The child who is ranked highest across all challenges is the winner.

Regarding payment for next term, the contract of cancellation we sent out last month (requesting 50% payment) has been rather superseded by events. We feel unable to charge at all for a service we are not able to offer (and for this extended and uncertain time). Therefore there will be no charge moving forward into the summer term except for those families of Key workers still attending the club. The club is not able to make use of all help that the government has offered but thankfully we have furloughed most members of staff from today and by cutting our costs in many areas we hope to be able to maintain and then get up and running again at the earliest opportunity. Normal charges will resume as soon as the government says that children may return to school and holiday clubs.

For the time being, the afterschool club is being staffed by myself plus one other member of staff and as numbers are very low we are able to easily practise social distancing and other precautions to prevent spread of the virus. The staff helping me are holiday staff members Phoebe and Natalie with Karena from afterschool club. We are not running during the Easter Holiday but we hope that we may be back to normal for future holiday clubs.

Thank you as ever for your ongoing support and please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns, or to let us know about how your children are finding creative ways to play during this time!

Warm regards,

Maureen