



## **NEWS FLASH 5**

### **Welcome note**

First, can we begin by saying a huge thank you for all your support and patience. It has been quite a challenging few weeks and each day brings new adventures and re jiggling of our procedures here at OOSH.

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May we enter what is known as phase 1 of the managed return to schools. We have been in consultation with our feeder schools and they have informed us of the year/classes that will be returning on their allocated days. We do not have the information at hand from the schools to tell us what classes your children are in and therefore we can not assume what day your child would be returning to school, so if you can continue to inform us of your child's attendance patterns it will save many phone calls to locate absent children.

We have no information how long this phase will last, obviously it will depend on the level of impact that COVID-19 is having, that being said it is all still subject to change where the government feels appropriate. Stay tuned!

We can not wait to have all our smiling happy faces back! We miss you all!

### **Our program**

Due to our lower numbers of children we have created a modified program of activities with some of our normal spaces closed due to restrictions. This program will be adjusted again coming into Week 3 to allow for what we envisage to be larger numbers returning to OOSH.

We will still have some of our normal programmed areas closed to limit the cleaning that is required of all the equipment and touch points at the end of every session, however our outdoor play spaces, hall, art/ craft, COZ area and our OOSH rooms will all be programmed for and space for social distancing will be taken into consideration.

Educators are, (as always) working hard to provide a stimulating, fun and interactive program for the children in attendance with documentation still being sent home via our Hubworks "Educate" online program. This documentation gives you an insight into their time at OOSH and some conversation starters for those often briefly answered questions of "How was your day?" or "What did you do today?"

## **Week 3 Drop off and Pick Up**

Drop off and pick up from week 3 onwards will remain at gate 1, St James Road (Our main OOSH gate) until further notice. All other gates will be locked, and we please ask that you use this gate for the health and safety of all at OOSH. Please do not use the carpark gate.

Our admin educator will be rostered at the gate (weather permitting) and will sign your child in of a morning and out of an afternoon on the ipad.

Once your child is signed in, they will walk into OOSH with their bag, place it on a bag hook and play. If your child is having separation issues, please let us know and we will have an educator come and walk your child in to OOSH.

Of an afternoon the admin educator will use the walkie talkies to notify other educators that their family or caregiver is here to pick them up. An educator will assist your child in departing OOSH.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is only whilst we have low attendance numbers at OOSH.

As numbers increase and families and caregivers can re-enter school grounds, we will resume our normal routine where we know you love getting your “steps” up of an afternoon trying to locate your child.

Stay safe.

Your OOSH Green Team