

Ide Baby & Toddler Group

The Ide Baby & Toddler Group shut in March under Lockdown1.0 restrictions. This group has always been held at the Primary School and unfortunately cannot continue at this venue due to Covid restrictions.

Baby & Toddler Groups are exempt from Covid restrictions under Lockdown2.0 as they are classed as support groups. *"Parent and child groups can continue where they provide support to parent and/or child, and children under 5 will not be counted within the 15 person limit - meaning parents and carers can attend such groups in larger numbers."* [Guidance: New National Restrictions from 5 November. Cabinet Office. Updated 6 November 2020].

However they do have to operate in a Covid-safe manner. I have spoken to the Early Years Alliance who have provided useful information to enable the group to operate safely.

I would like to re-launch the Ide Baby & Toddler Group to offer a safe environment for parents to meet with babies and under 5's. The group would be held in the Village Hall and follow the current Covid guidelines.

In order to get the Group running I would like to make a request to the Council for £200 funding to help purchase various items. This would cover:

Insurance & Membership to EY Alliance	£80
Cleaning supplies (for toys) and supply of spare masks	£40
Equipment to create "Baby Safe" play zone	£60
Supply of own mugs & tea towels (Village Hall Covid requirement)	£20
Total	£200

The group will need to be able to cover its day to day running costs to be able to remain viable for the long term. I have engaged with people in the village through Facebook and currently believe there to be 6-8 families interested in the group. The group would be capped at 13 attendees excluding under 5's in line with the capacity of the Village Hall.

I hope the group will provide support to families with young children particularly during these challenging times.

Cllr Jessica Paine

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