

Re request for Credenhill Preschool.

- Allotment

As put forward I would like to have an allotment at the bottom of the garden. In the first instance it would be the size of small shed and we would expand as the children and families become more confident and familiar with their roles in maintaining the grounds. We would require a small shed that would hold our tools and equipment.

If in the event we no longer decided to continue the rental of the building we would return the ground to what it was prior to the allotment and we would remove the shed.

I have already discussed my wishes for doing this but I will reiterate the reasons:

- Support the children with the understanding of healthy eating and the process of how food is grown
- Support children to eat more fresh vegetables and fruit
- Have responsibility of looking after our plants and why we need to do this
- Have a sense of pride in their environment
- Support them to understand a work ethic within in a team and how we all need to take turns and do our fair share of work to make things work
- Carry out simple tasks for a reason
- Use tools safely and understand why

All of these are equally important as some of the children are from deprived backgrounds and have little understanding of fresh food and why we need to eat it.

We also have children who have poor dental hygiene due to a poor diet and we feel that having their families involved may have an impact, or at least introduce them to the importance of making the right choices when it comes to their children's diet.

- Mums and tots

At present within the village we do not have a place where mums and their young children can meet with professionals who can support them with simple parenting advice.

We feel if we could offer a 'mums and tots' where we would be able to offer support and guidance to parents if they require in a more relaxed and playful environment.

This would be none profitable as discussed at the meeting as it is not our aim to make money from this, however this should not be of any concern to the council as was brought up at the meeting.

- Grass Cutting and other jobs.

It was discussed at the last meeting that I would inform you of the days when we are not in the setting so that you could do various maintenance jobs. This I am happy to do as long as it fits in with the setting given that I pay 12 month of the year, however, I understand that I do not pay rent for the weekends and I have no control over these days. I am concerned with a sweeping statement of weed killer being used given that most weed killers are not child friendly and can be toxic. I'm sure I don't need to remind the council of the dangers this could potentially have on the children and staff's health, who have skin allergies and breathing difficulties. Please could you inform me as I have already requested of any jobs that you will be doing in the future, so that I can ensure the health and well being of the children as we do have some children who are 12 months old. In addition, may I also remind you that on almost a weekly basis, during the warmer months, I have to keep the children

inside, whilst the grass is cut, which infringes on my business and the full use of the facilities.

I would like to say that whilst the setting is working well, I feel it is totally inappropriate that every time I mention a change, I am automatically compared to the last setting. I have given you no reason to continually do this and feel that it is unfair both professionally and personally. I would request that Imagination Station and their previous situation was not put into any further conversations involving Credenhill Preschool.

I request this as I feel that I can not approach the council as it is automatically dismissed by some parishioners. I am both respectful and understanding to your past situation but I feel for future relationships you need to move on.

I want to re enforce the way I run my settings so you can have a better understanding of my reasons for making small changes.

My settings are about the community. I try to make changes that are in the interest of the children and their families that attend. With the staff I look at how we can best meet their needs and try and provide them with what they need to improve their education and well being. I do this in order to I keep costs low so that all children, especially from low income families within Credenhill can have access to early year's education as I know how important this is. I'm hoping that the parish council would agree with this and try and support the setting in all it does in order to provide a service to the community.