

Returning to Tots & Tinies – a Guide to What to Expect

We are delighted to be able to reopen our Tots & Tinies group and we are looking forward to seeing you in person. Please read the following information carefully before joining us.

You will need to book to attend each week. Bookings can be made via Eventbrite and new tickets will be released each week. The link will be put onto our church website and our Tots facebook page, or you can go straight to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/> and put “Tots & Tinies” in the search box at the top left of the home page.

If you are unable to access Eventbrite, please get in touch and we can book a place for you. We hope that the following information will help make your time with us safe and enjoyable.

Please don't attend if you or any of your family have any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been told to self-isolate.

If you or a member of your family develops symptoms whilst at a session, please leave immediately and notify us of a positive test as soon as you receive it.

Please be mindful of the social distancing rules whilst attending, including whilst in the car park, on entering and leaving the building, whilst in the session and whilst using the toilets and baby changing facilities.

Please use the hand sanitiser provided on entering the building for both yourself and your child(ren).

Please wear a face mask at all times unless you are exempt.

Sessions will run from 9.30am until 10.15am and from 10.30am until 11.15pm. Please only book on to one session per week so that as many families as possible can attend.

When you arrive in the large hall, your household group will have a mat to sit on. If you would like to bring a blanket to go over the mat, you are welcome to do so, but please don't share blankets with other families. Mats will be cleaned between sessions. Whilst government guidance recognises that toddlers may not find it easy to socially distance, we would like you to do your best to keep your child(ren) on your own mat. We will encourage this from the front and we believe that it will be possible most of the time. If you do need to retrieve your child, please do so as quickly and safely as possible. A chair will be provided for you to use if sitting on the floor isn't easy.

If you have a pram or pushchair with you, please bring this in to the hall so that it doesn't block the entrance hall or corridors. You can leave your pushchair at the side of the hall, suitably distanced from anyone else's.

Please feel free to bring your own toys to play with on your mat, but please don't share these with others. A small selection of toys will be provided on each mat. These will be sterilised and quarantined between each session.

The format of each session will be more structured than what we were used to at tots. As free play is harder when socially distancing, the session will consist of a Bible story time, non-sung songs and action rhymes and a craft activity. The things you will need for the craft will be provided in a take home bag. There will also be a shorter amount of free time to chat and play.

Our volunteers will be there to welcome you and help you in whatever way we can. Please don't ask them to hold your baby – we love doing this, but it isn't safe for us to offer this at the moment. If you need us to watch your baby on your mat whilst you use the toilet, we would be very happy to do so.

Unfortunately we won't be able to provide any refreshments. Please bring a drink and a snack for your child. If you would like to bring a hot drink for yourself, please ensure it is in a lidded cup.

A full risk assessment has been completed and is available for you to see if you would like to.

Please do keep a look out on our church website www.stjohnshartford.org and on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TotsTiniesStJohns> for any last minute changes.

We are sorry that this is such a long list of does and don'ts, but we hope that they will help you to know what to expect when you arrive and to keep you and us safe.

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