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Dear Parent/Carer

I would just like to clarify a couple of points regarding our playgroup, The smAll Saints, here in school.

In October 2018 letters were sent out to all parents and carers to inform you of our intentions to start up a playgroup. On the same letter we requested that on the run up to Christmas, if parents were getting rid of any toys could they please donate them to school. Many parents donated toys for which we are extremely grateful. A second letter was then sent out on our return in January with a reply slip to give us an idea of how many parents/carers were interested in attending the group.

Unfortunately, due to staff illness we were unable to start the Playgroup in January as planned and the start was put on hold until after the summer. Plans and staffing were put in place before the summer break so that the Playgroup would be able to start on the second week back in September. Letters were once again sent out to inform parents/carers of the start date being Wednesday 11th September.

Throughout all the planning process which began last October, school have never been informed of any other Playgroups running or being planned in the village.

School were only made aware that a Playgroup was starting up in the Church Hall after our letters had been sent out in September. We have a very close relationship with Rev David and the Church and would have happily worked together to provide this valuable resource on alternative days in our village.

Unfortunately, due to staffing and the organisation which had been put in place well before the summer, we were unable to change the day of our Playgroup. It has been brought to our attention that both Playgroups running on the same day has caused some confusion in the community therefore, school Playgroup will continue to run on a Wednesday morning up to the half term break but then on our return in November it will change to **THURSDAYS** starting on Thursday 7th November 9 until 10.30. We have notified Rev David of this change in day so that families can take advantage of both Toddler Groups each week.

Yours sincerely
Courtenay Walls
Headteacher

