Dear parents and carers, 19th June 2020

**RE: Preschool Ofsted inspection results**

Although it may be difficult to remember, on the 11th March 2020 we were inspected by Ofsted as part of the 4-yearly inspection cycle. Due to COVID-19 lockdown, Ofsted decided that results of their inspections would not be published until settings and schools reopened to all children; despite us being unable to open yet, we have been informed that our report has been published on the Ofsted website. The link to the latest report is on our website for you all to read it in full at your convenience.

We are delighted that Cowling Preschool & Toddlers Ltd has been **rated “Good” in all areas**.

The inspection consisted of a rigorous and exacting process involving observation of teaching, looking at work collections, talking to children, staff and parents. The management team and Committee Chair were interviewed and questioned closely enabling the inspector to gather so many positive findings about the Preschool.

As you will see, the report reflects the many strengths of Cowling Preschool & Toddlers Ltd, gives us guidance on areas to further develop and celebrates success.

Some of the comments shared by the inspector in the feedback session, and included in the report include:

* “Children are happy, self-assured and clearly feel safe at the inclusive and welcoming pre-school.”
* “Children's behaviour is very good.”
* “Staff are positive role models who show respect and kindness to all.”
* “Staff know children well, meet their individual needs and follow their interests, overall.”
* “Parents value individual attention for their children and the homely atmosphere.”

Rob, our Committee Chair, shares his feelings about the inspection outcome:

“I am honoured to be associated with Cowling Preschool & Toddlers Ltd and I am very happy with the outcome of this inspection, especially considering the amount of change in the last year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and praise Vicky for her unstinting efforts to ensure the setting was ready for the inspection, especially as she had only taken over as manager 6 weeks before the inspection. I would also like to thank all members of staff and my fellow committee members for all they do to ensure every child has the best possible preschool experience.

Thank you, too, to all the children for the way they conduct themselves and to you as parents and carers for your unrelenting support.”

And Vicky said this of the inspection:

“As the Preschool Manager, I am delighted with the outcome of the report! It was all a bit overwhelming starting a new role like this and to be told ‘we are due an inspection’; for anyone in childcare this word fills you with dread, however I knew I was supported by a strong network.

I would firstly like to say a huge thank to all the team at preschool, they were all amazing as they always are! We have only had a short time to get to know each other and to build that relationship, but the staff have made this transition the best experience so for that…

Thank you girls x

I would like to thank Rob (committee chair) for his commitment and dedication to preschool. Behind the scenes Rob has worked his magic, bringing his knowledge and expertise to the role. The ongoing support from all the committee is invaluable and we are all truly grateful.”

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any part of the report, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Cowling Preschool Committee and Management team