

# Termly Woodland Artsparks (3-5) 2021

## Information for Parents



### 2021 Term Dates:

- Spring: 12<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> January – 23<sup>rd</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March (mid-term break – 9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> February) 10 week block
- Summer: 20<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> June (no mid-term break) 10 week block
- Autumn: 31<sup>st</sup> August/3<sup>rd</sup> September – 23<sup>rd</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November (mid-term break 12<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October) 11 week block

### When and Where:

Woodland Artsparks (ages 3-5) sessions take place on Tuesday and Friday mornings in the Artland and start promptly at 10am. Children can be dropped off in the learning area and will be brought out to meet parents at 12 noon.

### What to Bring:

A full set of waterproofs and wellies is recommended as children spend a lot of time outdoors. Warm layers are also required. Children must bring their own backpack for spare clothes and a water bottle. Snacks will not be provided, so please pack a small snack and a drink. Activities can be messy so it is recommended children wear old clothes.

### Accompanying parents:

#### Open season (May-September):

There is a limit of one accompanying adult per child who is welcome to visit the Artland and the café during the session. Any extra adults must pay regular entry fee at the shop.

#### Closed season (September-May):

You are welcome to walk around the Artland but please be aware that during the winter months there are often maintenance/installation works going on in the Artland, as well as weather conditions that could make walking around unsafe.

No dogs are allowed into the Artland unless you hold a membership for both yourself and your dog

### Travel and Parking:

The silver entry gates will usually be open, but if they are not please use the control panel at the right side to call the Estate Office who will then buzz you in. If the black box office is being manned, please state that you are an Artsparks parent. Please follow the main road past the green hills, through the open fields, over two cattle grids and past the large sculpture of a flower. The gravel carpark will be on your right hand side surrounded by beech hedges. You will then walk up to the main Steadings area. Do not approach the orange house as this is a private residence.

The Steadings area is strictly no access to vehicles so please park in the main car park. When driving through Jupiter Artland please be aware there is a 5mph speed limit - this is for the safety of your children so please stick to it. Jupiter operates a one-way road system. Unless otherwise told, please follow the signs that will guide you to the exit road which will take you

out to the Clifton Road.

**Closure:**

Very occasionally we have to close Jupiter if we feel the weather conditions are unsafe for your little ones. If this is a one off, we would not offer an alternative session but if there was a prolonged closure of more than one week we would do so.

**Absence:**

If your child is absent due to illness we cannot offer a refund on the session.

**Toileting:**

Please can you make sure that your child visits the toilets, which can be found in the Steadings area, before the start of each session.

**COVID-19 Guidelines:**

In addition to the general Jupiter guidelines that can be found on the Jupiter website, we have consulted with the Scottish Government recommendations for the reopening of childcare and early learning settings. As we have moved all our classes outside, we do possess a great advantage, in addition to the fact that this particular age group is less likely to be affected or to transmit the virus. However, we do have new guidelines that we will be following. These will be updated regularly as advice changes from the government.

- Drop off will occur at the small grey gates. We encourage only one parent to come onsite for drop and pickup. Apart from special circumstances such as a child being unsettled, we will not allow parents in the classroom garden.
- All adults must wear a mask in the learning area between the big gate and the entrance to the classroom garden.
- Due to current COVID-19 guidelines, we are unable to open the parent's bothy
- Children will be brought out to the area outside the bothy for pick-up.
- If there is a queue of parents waiting to drop off/pick up, we ask that you wait in an appropriately spaced manner
- We will require all children and parents to wash their hands with hot water and soap in the toilets before they come into the learning area. In the Artland we will use antibacterial hand gel before and after snack time, as well as after toileting.
- Physical distancing between parents and Jupiter staff will be kept at 2 metres
- It is not required for teachers to wear masks when interacting with children or to preserve the two metres rule, however the teachers and any volunteers will be distancing when appropriate.
- Any equipment or tools used in the morning will be cleaned and disinfected if intended to be reused in the afternoon. We will not allow children to play with any items brought from home, however if your child requires a transitional toy or object, we will manage this as a unique situation.

**WhatsApp Groups:**

- The intention of this tool is to share urgent messages and events such as severe

weather warnings and class cancellations. It is in addition to normal communication, not a replacement. The WhatsApp groups will be administered by the learning team.

- Each class will have a separate group, so if you have children in more than one class, you will be added to multiple groups.
- Parents are very much encouraged to join the group and in order to do so must tick the box in the booking form consenting to their permission for their mobile number to be shared within the group.
- Unfortunately, there isn't a way for you to be part of the group and not have your number visible, so please keep this in mind and respect everyone's privacy.
- If you have a family member or friend who regularly picks up and drops off your child, you can request that they are added to the relevant group.
- At the start of each term an email will be sent out containing the link that will add you to the relevant group. By opening this link on your phone, you will automatically be added to your group.
- You are not required to be in the WhatsApp groups, but this will be the primary method for urgent communication. You will be able to opt out at any point by emailing [learning@jupiterartland.org](mailto:learning@jupiterartland.org).
- All groups will be deleted at the end of each term and permission sought for the start of each new term as part of the online booking process.
- Please continue to phone the office or email [learning@jupiterartland.org](mailto:learning@jupiterartland.org) for your questions and queries.

The Jupiter Learning Team

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