

HOMESTART GREENWICH NEWSLETTER

Digital Newsletter: June 2020

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NEW WEBSITE

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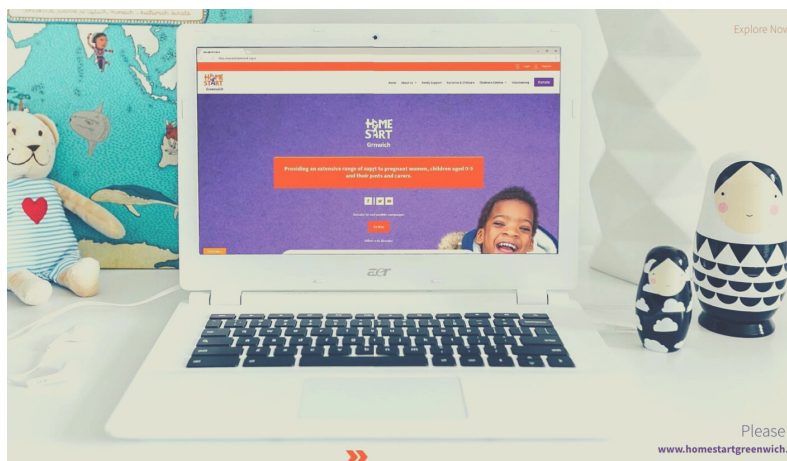
Welcome to our first community newsletter. Our aim is to share updates and information about our organisation with the local community.

Since the 1st April we have grown in size and are now responsible for children centre services over 7 sites: Caldwell, Eglinton, Mulgrave, Brookhill, Slade, Plumstead and Glyndon. We are excited for this opportunity to work with staff old and new to develop our children centre services over a wider local area, developing our work with schools to support school readiness, transition and parenting programmes. Last month we officially launched our website which not only informs you about all of our services, you can also access our weekly digital online timetable and our membership forum area where you get to access a range of different resources. Our site address is:

www.homestartgreenwich.org.uk

To make access easier to all of our digital platforms we have set up a link tree where you can quickly access our website, monthly newsletter, our YouTube channel, our courses and membership registration platforms and any of our social media pages. Try it out and see how easy it is, click on the link:

<https://linktr.ee/Homestartgreenwich>



VOLUNTEERING

Thank you to all of our volunteers.

Home-Start Greenwich core service is our volunteer home visiting scheme. The impact of this work has led to the successful expansion of homestart and the opportunity to now manage two Nurseries and 7 Children Centre sites. We have some long-standing volunteers and some that are now employees. We are extremely grateful for their hard work and dedication to support families and make a difference. We are proud to see how so many of them have developed personally and professionally.

COVID -19 RESPONSE

Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines we have adjusted our programme to deliver a digital service offer online and our staff team and volunteers are making contact with as many of our families as possible to provide support. Plumstead and Brookhill Children's Centre creches and our Plumstead Nursery were open for essential worker and identified families childcare but since 1st June have begun a phased return for all children. Brookhill CC is being used as a hub, providing emergency support, health services (Midwifery/Baby health Clinics /BCG Clinics) and an emergency food provision service to referred families. We are also working in partnership on the "Pass the Time Project" which distributes select items that will give adults and children something new to do, this includes: jigsaws, puzzles, toys and more. To book an item or to donate go to:

<https://vcgreenwich.org.uk/pass-the-time-project/>

A big thank you to Clemency Brookfield who volunteered to fundraise and raised an astounding £6,693 from a GO FUND ME page for our emergency food provision.



1st June-7th June

HAPPY VOLUNTEERS WEEK

*THANK YOU FOR ALL
YOUR SUPPORT*

We have some great volunteering opportunities available:

- Children Centre Volunteers (Admin, Early years, Food distribution)
- Homevisiting Scheme Volunteers
- Fundraising Volunteers
- Trustees
- Ambassadors/Patrons

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