



CHRIST CHURCH PLAYGROUP  
of  
The Angel Room, 155 Highbury Grove, London N5 1SA

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Dear Parents

We are writing to inform you of some very difficult decisions we have needed to take in relation to Christ Church Playgroup Highbury.

Unfortunately, over recent times we have had several resignations that have dramatically reduced our ability to run and manage the playgroup to the standard that we aspire to, and that your children deserve. Additional pressures include a falling number of applications and a significant rise in costs, combined with a pressing need to upgrade the facilities - all of which require substantial time, resource, and financial investment.

The staff were informed of the possibility of the Playgroup closing and the impact on their roles. We have carried out a consultation with them, and all due process has been followed.

After much consideration, we have reached the extremely difficult but necessary decision to close the playgroup, as it is no longer financially, operationally, or logistically viable. As a result, we are very sorry to confirm that the playgroup will not be opening at the start of the autumn term.

We do not take this decision lightly, however our ongoing ability to provide high quality child care remains at the heart of all we do, and we are no longer able to provide this at a sustainably high level.

We recognise the inconvenience that this decision will cause so we have gathered a list of local nurseries that may be able to help provide childcare.

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/~media/sharepoint-lists/public-records/childrenandfamilieservices/information/leaflets/20152016/201506042yoproviderlistbypostcode4june2015>

If you need help or support in making enquiries for alternative nursery placements for your children affected by this decision, the PCC will try and assist you where reasonably possible to do so. The PCC can be contacted at [office@christchurchhighbury.com](mailto:office@christchurchhighbury.com) or by telephone on 0207 354 0741.

We would like to thank you for your support at this difficult time and I am sure you will join us in thanking the playgroup team for all they have done and wish them every success in the future.

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

