

The Red Kite Family Centre during current Covid19 Lockdown  
April 2021 update

Amy Spicer, our Family Centre Leader, is sadly leaving us on April 12<sup>th</sup> to take up a new post with a national charity. Amy has played a key role in building the success of the Family Centre since it became a community-based charity in 2017. The trustees will be arranging a special opportunity to show our thanks to Amy later in the summer when pandemic restrictions have been lifted further.

### Our Re-opening Plans

From April 19<sup>th</sup> (start of summer term) indoor parent and child groups with up to 15 parents are allowed. We are therefore planning to re-introduce the programme of restricted number (less than 15 for us in order to maintain social distancing) parent and child 'stay and play' and other groups from this date and run these in similar format throughout the summer term. This will be kept under review and larger numbers might be invited to some events later in the term if it is considered safe to do so.

Despite the lockdown, in the spirit of our motto, we still want to 'be there for every family'. However, we are available, and you can contact us if you would like to speak to a member of the team. Here are the details:

Catherine Myles, Helen Burton, Mandy Mitchell, Rebecca Boulton and Emma Spink, our administrator, will all be working during each week of the summer term. This means that there will always be someone available to receive your call, message or email and we promise to respond within 24hours, except at weekends.

If you ring the Family Centre your call will normally be answered straight away on these days and times:

**During the Easter holidays:** Tuesdays 10a.m.-12p.m.; Wednesdays 10a.m.-12p.m.; Thursdays 10a.m.-12p.m.

**From April 19<sup>th</sup>:** During our normal opening hours 8.45a.m. – 2.45p.m. Monday to Friday. At all other times Monday to Friday please leave a message and we will respond.

You can email us using [info@redkitefamilycentre.org](mailto:info@redkitefamilycentre.org) and again, we will respond within 24 hours, weekdays.

Please remember also that if you need urgent help or advice, or just want someone to talk to, you can call the Talking Team on 03003034123. This service is being supported by Sharing Life Trust, Thame Good Neighbour Scheme and the Friends of the Thame Community Hospital.