

Our Home Visit

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At St Paul's Christian Playgroup, we aim to make the transition from home to playgroup a positive experience that focuses on the individual needs of the child and their family.

We put a strong emphasis on settling-in and aim to settle a child at their own pace – when they are ready to move away from their parents/carers – as we have found, that in the long run, this means more settled and happier children (and families!).

What is a home visit?

As part of our settling-in procedure, the Playgroup Manager and your child's Key Person will visit your home prior to your child starting playgroup. This will be followed up with 'settling-in' sessions at playgroup.

How long does a home visit last?

A home visit lasts approximately 1 hour.

Why do we need a home visit?

A home visit provides the opportunity for your child to be seen in their natural home surroundings where they feel confident and at ease. We can gain lots of information to inform our planning from observing your child where he or she feels settled and in control.

A home visit also gives us the chance to talk with you about your child on a 1:1 basis and for you to pass on any relevant information that may help your child to settle into playgroup.

You child's Key Person will use the information gathered during the home visit to plan for your child's needs when they begin their settling-in sessions at playgroup.



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What will happen on a home visit?

A home visit is carried out in pairs - allowing the Playgroup Manager to speak with you and go through the necessary paperwork so your child's Key Person can interact with your child.

This enables you to talk without worrying about your child, as well as providing your child's Key Person with the opportunity to observe your child at play in a familiar environment.

Your child's Key Person will bring along a selection of playgroup toys and photographic books of the activities and resources on offer at playgroup (one of which has your child's name on and is theirs to keep!). The time is taken to find out about your child's likes, dislikes and interests. A home visit is not to judge your parenting skills, but to offer you the opportunity to ask questions and gather any information that you may require.

What are the benefits of a home visit?

A home visit has many benefits for you, your child and your child's Key Person.

For you and your child, a visit gives you the opportunity to meet your child's Key Person in a safe environment where you feel confident and at ease. The visit provides the opportunity to:

- Establish early, positive contact
- See your child in their own familiar setting
- Meet other family members, people and pets who are important to your child
- Understand the anxieties your child may feel about starting playgroup and also understand the wealth of learning that goes on at home

This all helps your child's Key Person to obtain a 'fuller' picture of your child.

Finally...

A home visit can be very special for your child – often children remember it for a long time – and it helps them to form an attachment with their Key Person on their 'home territory'.

Starting playgroup is an exciting step but can also be a difficult time and we hope to make it work for you and your child.

We want to be sure that your child feels confident about starting playgroup. We also want you to be confident about what we offer.

If you are finding it difficult to settle your child in please talk to their Key Person or the Playgroup Manager.



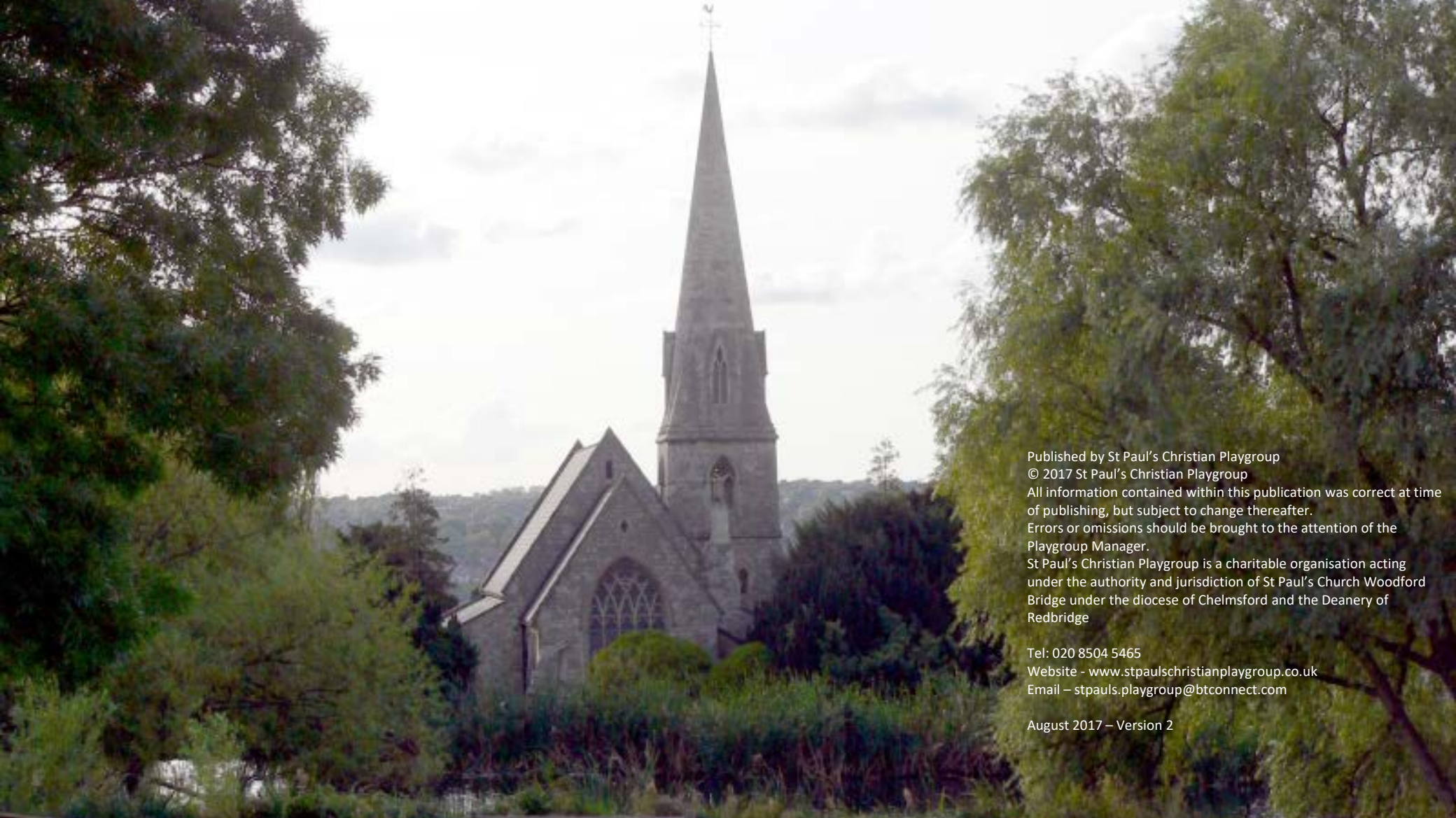
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