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## COVID-19 & Playschemes 2020

Two months ago we communicated that our best efforts were going into putting on a Playscheme in 2020. Since then the world has become a very different place and – the Covid-19 pandemic has changed our way of life and the effects of this will be felt for some time to come.

It is with great sadness that we have had to take the decision to cancel both Leyland and Samlesbury Playschemes for 2020 as a result of the pandemic that is having such a profound impact on our daily lives.

This decision was not one that we took lightly. However it is simply not possible to maintain social distancing on Playscheme. Combine this with restrictions on the ability to recruit and train volunteers and the financial impact of running a reduced scheme it was clear that the trustees could not sanction a Playscheme under these circumstances with so many restrictions in place and so many unknowns.

All of the Playscheme team are extremely upset at the prospect of a summer without Playscheme – but instead we turn our attention to 2021 when we can hopefully once again welcome thousands of children onto our sites in the summer months.

With that in mind we have set Playscheme 2021's dates already so you can plan ahead and to give children something to look forward to.

Samlesbury Playscheme 2021 Leyland Playscheme 2021 Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021

BUT! We do hope to bring some elements of Playscheme to you over the summer months in a virtual and safe way if at all possible. Keep watching our website and Facebook page – whilst we can't have a physical Playscheme it doesn't mean the Playscheme spirit isn't still alive in every one of our volunteers and children.

Above all, stay safe and happy – we look forward to welcoming you in 2021 for an even more fabulous Playscheme than ever before.