

## A message from our CEO, Nadene Lee

As we refocus our efforts on our playgroup and member activities in this new Term, we would like to welcome you all back, and provide an update on Playgroup NSW response and activities related to COVID-19.

**The Playgroup leadership team and managers continue to meet regularly each week** – to work through the current environment and determine the best course of action for the organisation, our playgroup coordinators, our member families and other partners.

**Continued suspension of playgroups** – We have had some questions related to playgroups re-opening now that some schools in NSW begin to welcome more than just the children of essential workers back to school. As playgroups involve groups of carers as well as children, for them to meet again would be in contradiction to current social distancing requirements. Therefore, playgroups remain suspended until further notice. In light of this, we continue to develop our digital service offering.

**We launched Playgroup at Home recently** – and already have over 2,100 members. Playgroup at Home is accessible around the clock to families with children birth - 5yrs, providing a space for you to experience Playgroup at Home, to discover resources, activities, tips, articles, videos, story time & more. It's also a place where you can post your own experiences & ideas on how to keep your children engaged while at home. I encourage you to join the page here: <https://bit.ly/3clJSCJ>

**Virtual playgroups** – Our supported playgroup program managers are working with facilitators and families to enable delivery of playgroups digitally, as is our community playgroups team, so we have a number up and running already. For any enquiries about Virtual Playgroups for your group, contact [admin@playgroupnsw.org.au](mailto:admin@playgroupnsw.org.au).

We will be in contact again shortly, and look forward to making memorable play experiences with you and to supporting each other in the meantime.

Regards,



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