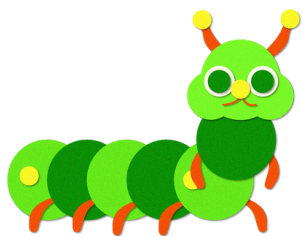


Welcome to our Baby Group!



A concise booklet on what we offer, how
you can benefit and further information



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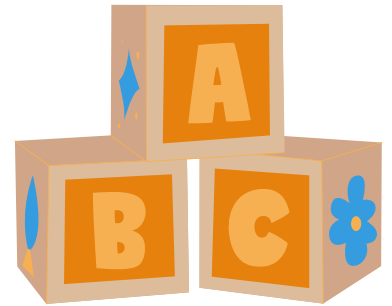


What is the role of the Lead?



- To ensure all families are welcomed into a safe, secure environment
- To encourage parent/carers involvement in play and development with their children
- To be a good source of support and information and to ensure families are sign posted to the relevant agencies
- To ensure play opportunities/resources are provided for each individual's needs
- To encourage and provide resources where possible for family fun learning at home
- To encourage/provide opportunities for parents/carers to chat and share experiences
- To ensure all golden rules are adhered to
- To introduce all families to each other
- Introduce you and your children to the benefits of various creative activities, some of which you may not necessarily experience at home
- To give advice/support around topics linked to raising children e.g. weaning, potty training etc

At Baby Group children's learning is based around play.



Staff plan exciting play opportunities for your children to explore and investigate, these include the following:

- Treasure baskets, material, mirrors, musical instruments, sensory messy play including: paint, foam, dough, books, sand and water.
- Staff plan play opportunities based around individual children's needs, with plenty of opportunities to stimulate the sensory and encourage interaction.
- We plan for children's learning using the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. We have an information pack for parents/carers, explaining the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Please ask the group lead for a copy of this.
- What will you as parents/carers learn at the session?
- You will learn how children learn through play and how your child's learning is linked to the early year's foundation stage curriculum (EYFS).
- You will have opportunities to experience many activities with your child as well as the opportunity to meet other parents and carers.
- These activities can be tried out at home.

The Importance of Baby Group

Research suggests that the more engagement a child receives from their parent/carer the more successful is their development.

All the fun activities and play you do with your child during the session are very important to your child's learning and development.

We would like to support you in capturing these special moments by providing opportunities for you to :

- Plan and fun, stimulating activities for your children
- Share with your child's School or Early years setting

The room where the play group is held will have a planning board for your ideas.

We encourage you to take photos weekly with the centre's ipad. We now use the Family app so speak to a member of staff if you would like a profile setting up for your child!





Venue and dates

Our baby group takes place on Monday 10.00am - 11.30am all year round except Christmas. We will advise you in advance if the group will not run.

Car Parking

There are limited spaces in our on-site car park. There may be on street parking and affordable car parking spaces nearby. The car park across the centre offers the first hour free with your ticket.

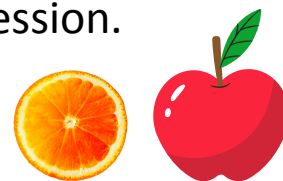
Celebrations

Any birthday cakes provided by parents must be shop bought and remain in the packaging to enable the allergen information to be available. It will be the parent's choice to allow their child to eat this.

Breastfeeding

North Halifax Partnership Children's Centres are breast feeding friendly sites, we are happy for parents to breast feed during the session.

Snacks



We do provide a healthy snack for little fingers. Please make practitioners aware of any allergies.

Messy Play

There will be activities such as painting, sticking and gluing so please don't dress your child in clothes that you wouldn't want to get dirty.

Volunteers

From time to time we may have parent volunteers helping to run our session; we will introduce volunteers to you during the session.

Supervision

Please note that it is your responsibility to supervise the children in your care and to ensure their health, safety and welfare at all times whilst at these sessions.

If your child is unwell

Infections are common in childhood and some can spread rapidly amongst children. Keep your child at home if they don't seem well enough to take part in the group activities, or if you suspect they have an infection that can be spread to others.

It is best to keep your child at home especially if they have:

- A fever
- A serious respiratory illness such as flu
- Diarrhoea and/or vomiting
- A contagious skin disease such as impetigo

If you are unsure speak to a member of staff for further advice



We thank you
for not using
your phone!

Taking photos of children in session

Sure Start Children's Centres, North and East Halifax and Lower Valley take seriously the need to Safeguard children attending any activity organised by them.

Following the feedback from parents it has been agreed that parents should not use their phones or cameras to take photographs of any children, including their own, when attending activities at the Children's Centres.

Staff running these activities will challenge any parents seen to be doing this.

Each Children's Centre has an ipad and parents are encouraged to use this to take photos as appropriate.

The Children's Centre will then arrange for the parent to have a copy.

It is not acceptable for any photos taken during a Children's Centre activity to be placed on any social media site like Facebook or Twitter.

Using mobile phones in sessions

We appreciate that sometimes you may need to answer your phone or send a message. We ask that if you need to do this you be as discreet as possible and if you need to speak on the phone you go out of the room whilst you take the call and ask someone to watch your child if necessary.

Sure Start Children's Centre North Halifax Partnership also have a website and a Facebook page, so you can check out what other services we have to offer and keep up to date with upcoming activities/events and job opportunities for North Halifax Partnership.

<http://www.surestartchildrenscentresnhp.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/surestartchildrenscentresNHP>

For any enquiries regarding the Baby Group or anything else about our Children's Centre, please feel free to contact us!

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If you are interested in becoming a sessional worker or a volunteer for North Halifax Partnership Children's Centre please ring 01422 251090 for more information ask your group lead.

