

Parent/Carer and Toddler Group List

Harrow Families Information Service

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This information has been prepared by Harrow Families Information Service (FIS) to help you choose suitable childcare for your child.

Our telephone helpline 020 8901 2690 is open Monday to Friday (9am - 5pm excluding bank holidays and weekends) and we aim to respond to your enquiry within two working days.

If you require any further advice or information, please contact our service on:

Families Information Service
People Services
Second Floor, North Wing
Civic 1
Station Road
Harrow
HA1 2XY
Tel: 020 8901 2690
Email: fis@harrow.gov.uk
Website: www.harrow.gov.uk/childcare

Carer and toddler groups are also known as baby and toddler groups, parent and toddler groups or stay and play sessions and are usually based in the community. These are informal settings where parents/carers, grandparents, nannies/au-pairs, childminders and their children can go to have fun, and for parents to get to know other families.

Most groups are open at regular times each week (term time only) for between one and two hours.

Registration

Carer and toddler groups are not required to register with Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills) under the Childcare Act 2006; or follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework. **Parents/carers who attend remain with their children throughout the session and are responsible for their care at all times.**

Who organises Carer and Toddler Groups?

Some groups are run by a committee of parents who share the responsibility for its organisation. With most groups, a group of volunteers, usually parents attending the group, take on the responsibility of its running and management.

Some groups may be privately run and managed or be part of the services offered within your local children's centre – you can find more information on Harrow children's centre website www.childrenatthecentre.org.uk.

Every group is different and it may take a few visits before you get to know the group and feel part of it. Sometimes the best way to get to know people is to get involved and offer to help.

If there is not a carer and toddler group in your area and you would like to help to establish one, please contact the Pre-school Learning Alliance on 020 8905 0374, who will be able to advise you on the procedure.

What happens at a Parent and Toddler Group?

Although this will vary from group to group, most will provide opportunities for:

- ❖ babies to play and explore in a safe area
- ❖ free play with a good range of toys including larger equipment
- ❖ a craft activity that may involve cutting, sticking or painting
- ❖ singing time often at the end of a session to allow for clearing away of toys
- ❖ a refreshment break for adults and children

Ages catered for

The age range can vary but is usually from birth to 3 or up to school age but most groups also welcome expectant mums.

How much do they cost?

Most groups charge per session – this may include refreshments and craft materials

There are many advantages in attending a carer and toddler group?

- ❖ it allows your child(ren) to socialise with other children and gives the opportunity for parents/carers to meet others, and so avoid the isolation that looking after children often involves

- ❖ it provides the opportunity for child(ren) to play with new toys and join in new fun activities
- ❖ parents/carers can meet people who are in similar situations and so find support and meet friends
- ❖ sometimes professionals such as childcare workers drop in for advice and support, discuss specific topics and answer any concerns or queries you may have

What to look for when choosing a carer and toddler group?

- ❖ make sure that you will be able to attend the group regularly during the times that it runs and that it is easily accessible to you whether you are walking, driving or taking public transport.
- ❖ visit when the group is open, ask the person leading the group about the hours, price, and age range and if the group has a waiting list or operates a drop-in session.
- ❖ the group should have a welcome letter/pack giving information about the group to new parents/carers once they have registered and the leader may be able to introduce you to other families with children of a similar age.
- ❖ if you have a young baby check that the group has a separate area for babies to ensure their safety
- ❖ check that the premises are clean, well kept and safe for the children and that all the toys are clean and appropriate for the age of the children using the group.
- ❖ ask about the activities available for your child. A good carer and toddler group should have a range of fun activities for the children, including messy play, construction, imaginative play and creative play, etc.
- ❖ ask about the routine of the group. Most groups have a free play time, a snack time and usually end with a music or singing session.
- ❖ if there are other things you need to know don't be afraid to ask, the leaders of the groups will be happy to answer them.

For information on providers in neighbouring boroughs please contact their Families Information Service on:

Borough	Tel No	Opening Time
Barnet	0800 389 8312	Monday – Friday: 9am - 5pm
Brent	020 8937 3001	Monday – Friday: 9am - 5pm
Camden	020 7974 1679	Monday – Friday: 10am - 4pm
Ealing	020 8825 5588	Monday – Friday: 10am - 4pm
Hammersmith & Fulham	0845 313 3933	Monday – Friday: 10am - 5pm
Hertfordshire	0300 123 4052	Monday – Friday: 8.30am - 4.30pm
Hillingdon	01895 556 489	Monday – Friday: 9am - 5pm
Hounslow	0800 783 1696	Monday – Friday: 9am - 5pm
Kensington & Chelsea	020 7361 3302	Monday – Friday: 9.30am - 4.30pm
Westminster	020 7641 7929	Monday – Friday: 9am - 5pm

Parent/Carer and Toddler Group

Setting Name

Contact Name

Telephone

Harrow

Elmfield Church Mother & Baby Club

Pamela Hubbard

020 8866 0813

89 Imperial Drive, North Harrow, Harrow, HA2 7DX

Email: elmfieldchurch26@gmail.com

Website:

Opening Times:

Wednesday: 10:00 - 11:30am

Holy Trinity Toddlers Group

Antonela Macaneata

020 8863 6131

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Headstone Drive, Wealdstone, Harrow, HA3 5QX

Email: office@htw.org.uk

Website: <http://www.htw.org.uk>

Opening Times:

Wednesday: 10:00 - 11:30am

New Life Suwarta Sangat Mother and Toddler Group Team Leader

07462 669 776

Glebe Christian Fellowship, Loretto Gardens, Harrow, HA3 9LZ

Email: info@nlss.org.uk

Website: www.nlss.org.uk

Opening Times:

Contact group for details

Peter's Toddler Group

Gita Patel

07726 311 695

St Peters Church, Sumner Road, Harrow, HA1 4BX

Email: peters.preschoolharrow@hotmail.com

Website:

Opening Times:

Tuesday: 9:30 - 11:30am

Rayners Lane Baptist Church Toddlers

Karen Sanders

0208 868 6772

Rayners Lane Baptist Church, Imperial Drive, West Harrow, Harrow, HA2 7HW

Email: children@rlbc.org.uk

Website:

Opening Times:

Monday: 9:45 - 11:45am

Roxmead Nursery Stay And Play

Claire Severino

07946 593 470

South Harrow Methodist Church, Walton Avenue, Harrow, HA2 8QU

Email: info@roxmeadnursery.co.uk

Website: <http://www.roxmeadnursery.co.uk>

Opening Times:

Tuesday: 13:15 - 14:45pm

South Harrow Baptist Church Toddler Group	Team Leader	020 8429 2884
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South Harrow Baptist Church, 270 Northolt Road, Harrow, HA2 8EB

Email: toddlers@mail.com

Website:

Opening Times:

Tuesday 10 - 11:30am & 13:15 - 14:45pm

St Alban's Church Parent and Toddler Group	Team Leader	020 8429 1383
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St Albans Church Hall, Norwood Drive, Headstone North, Harrow, HA2 7PF

Email: stalbans_toddlergroup@hotmail.co.uk

Website:

Opening Times:

Wednesday: 10:00 - 12noon

St Michael's & All Angels Toddler Group	Parish Office	020 8861 1383
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St Michaels Church, 95 Bishop Ken Road, Harrow Weald, Harrow, HA3 7HP

Email:

Website:

Opening Times:

Friday: 10:00 - 11.30am

Tiny Tots at Good News Church	Team Leader	020 8421 6516
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The Good News Church, Chicheley Road, Harrow, HA3 6QW

Email: office@goodnewsharrow.org.uk

Website: www.goodnewsharrow.org.uk

Opening Times:

Friday: 9:00 - 11:00am

Toddlers And Co.	Sheila Cochrane	020 8907 7494
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Kenton Baptist Church Hall, Streatfield Road, Harrow, HA3 9BS

Email: info@kentonbaptist.com

Website:

Opening Times:

Wednesday: 10:00 - 11:30am

Tot's At King's Church Harrow	Alison Theobald	020 8423 5238
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Brigade House, Brigade Close, Harrow, HA2 0LQ

Email: tots@kingsharrow.org

Website:

Opening Times:

Wednesday: 13.15 to 14.45pm

Tots On The Hill

Parish Office

020 8423 4014

Church Hall St Marys Church, 10 Church Hill, Harrow, HA1 3HL

Email: totsonthehill@outlook.com**Website:****Opening Times:**

Friday: 10:00 - 11:30am

Wealdstone Baptist Church Hall Toddler Group

Paula Skinner

020 8427 7396

Baptist Church, Baptist Hall, Wealdstone, Harrow, HA3 5RT

Email: toddlers@w-b-c.org.uk**Website:****Opening Times:**

Tuesday 10:00 - 11.30am

Friday 10:00 - 11.30am

Wealdstone Methodist Church Toddler Group

Katharine Harrison

020 8427 3210

Wealdstone Methodist Church, Locket Road, Wealdstone, Harrow, HA3 7ND

Email: wmc.toddlers@gmail.com**Website:** <http://wmclr.org.uk/toddlers>**Opening Times:**

Monday 10:00am - 11.30am

Thursday 10:00am - 11.30am

Young Ones Toddler Group

Penny Hunt

020 8863 7837

Harrow Baptist Church, College Road, Harrow, HA1 1BA

Email:**Website:** <http://www.harrow-baptist.org.uk>**Opening Times:**

Wednesday 10 - 11:30am

See website to check for vacancies:

<http://www.harrow-baptist.org.uk>**Stanmore****Little Feet**

Hazel Keating

020 8954 2250

Stanmore Baptist Church, Abercorn Road, Stanmore, HA7 2PH

Email: admin@stanmorebc.co.uk**Website:** <https://www.stanmorebaptistchurch.org.uk>**Opening Times:**

Monday: 13.15 - 14.45pm

Little Fishers Parent And Toddler Group

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0208 954 7064

The Church House, Old Church Lane, Stanmore, HA7 2QX

Email: parish@stjohnschurchstanmore.org

Website:

Opening Times:

Tuesday: 13.15 - 14.45pm

Monkey Music - Stanmore

Claire Taylor

020 8427 6595

Bernays Institute Hall, The Broadway, Stanmore, HA7 4DA

Email: uxbridge.harrow@monkeymusic.co.uk

Website: <https://www.monkeymusic.co.uk>

Opening Times:

Monday: 10:00 - 12:30pm

Harrow Wall (HA1 4HX) - Friday: 9:45 - 13:30pm

This information is valid at the time of print
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