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Who we are



Sheffield's Family Centres and Early Years Services are committed to enabling and supporting expectant parents, babies, children and their families to have a great start in life by providing services as early as possible.

We aim to guide you through the challenges that family life can bring by offering various activities within our Family Centres tailored to support your needs. This booklet will provide information about some of these activities and services. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details in this guide.

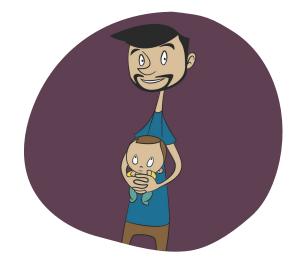
We work closely with Midwifery and Health Visiting teams to host a number of different services to support families within the local area.

Midwifery and Health Visitor clinics are offered within Family Centres and community buildings. Please contact us for more details or speak to your Health care professional.

Sheffield's Partnership Approach

In Sheffield we work with a wide range of local partners including health visitors, midwives, schools and childcare providers, parenting specialists and other community services. Monthly meetings take place to address the needs of families and a support plan is agreed. Support could include signposting to local groups/services or one to one support to families from our experienced early years teams.

If you feel your family could benefit from further support, please contact us to discuss how we may be able to help you or speak to your health care professional.





Our Groups Face to face



There are a range of free regular activities held in our Family Centres and community venues across Sheffield. These activities are a great way to meet other parents and families and enjoy spending time with your child. **To book, please contact your local family centre.**

Baby Group (0-6 months)

A fun and relaxing face to face group, for parent/carer and their non-mobile baby (not yet crawling). It is also a great chance for you to meet other families to share experiences and socialise together.

Baby Massage (a short course)

Massage helps to support the development of a strong attachment, reduce crying and emotional stress, helps babies to relax, develops body awareness and coordination, supports relief from wind, colic. constipation and teething discomfort. Parents can learn the massage techniques in order to practice massage at home.

Please note: The start date is the first session and then these will be weekly on the same day and time for the length of the course unless stated or advised by the group leader.

Breastfeeding Group & Multiples Breastfeeding Group

A face-to-face group for you to get advice, information and support from our trained Infant Feeding Support Workers who can help you on your breastfeeding journey. It is also a great chance for you to meet other breastfeeding mums to share experiences and socialise together.

A Multiples Breastfeeding Support Group for families who have twins or triplets is also available.

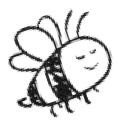
Breastfeeding Support Walk

A face-to-face, slow-paced walk for you to get advice, information and support from our trained Infant Feeding Support Workers who can help you on your breastfeeding journey. It is also a great chance for you to meet other breastfeeding mums to share experiences and socialise together.





Our Groups Face to face



Playdough Party

Support your child's early language, communication and fine/gross motor skills. An outdoor, parent and toddler session having fun with playdough, songs and rhymes. An opportunity to expand your knowledge on the ways to build your child's fine and gross motor skills and how they are linked to everyday life. Aimed at toddlers aged 2-3 years.

Outdoor Toddler Group

Support your child's early language, communication, and physical development. A parent and toddler session having fun and getting dirty outdoors. An opportunity to expand your knowledge on the ways to develop your child's learning, linked to everyday life. Aimed at toddlers aged 18 months-3 years.

We advise you dress you and your child, appropriately, for all weathers and getting dirty whilst having fun!

Toddler Trails

Support your child's early language, communication, and physical development. A parent and toddler trail providing an opportunity to explore and find exciting things in a local natural environment. Aimed at mobile toddlers up to 3 years.

We advise you dress you and your child, appropriately, for all weathers and getting dirty whilst having fun!

Buggy Push

A face-to-face, slow-paced walk for you to get advice, information and support from our trained Infant Feeding Support Workers who can help you on your breastfeeding journey. It is also a great chance for you to meet other breastfeeding mums to share experiences and socialise together.





Our Groups Online



Our online groups are bookable via our Eventbrite page: http://sheffield-family-centres.eventbrite.com

All our online groups are delivered via Microsoft Teams.

New You, New Me Baby Group (0-3months)

A group for parents and carers with new babies (up to 3 months) to have a chat, meet others and get support in a friendly, informal session. Because babies don't come with a manual.

Baby Group (4 months+)

A fun and relaxing virtual group for you and your baby. A great way to meet other new parent/carers online and share tips and ideas! For babies up to pre-walking

Breastfeeding Group

A friendly and informal online group for you to get advice, information and support from one of our trained Infant Feeding Support Workers who can help you on your breastfeeding journey. It is also a great chance for you to meet other breastfeeding mums to share experiences and socialise together

Playdough Party

Support your child's early language, communication and fine/gross motor skills. A virtual parent and toddler session having fun with playdough, songs and rhymes. An opportunity to expand your knowledge on the ways to build your child's fine and gross motor skills and how they are linked to everyday life. Aimed at toddlers aged 2-3 years. You will need playdough for you and your child to use in the session. A simple recipe to make your own will be emailed to you when you book your place



Baby Massage (a short course)

Massage helps to support the development of a strong attachment, reduce crying and emotional stress, helps babies to relax, develops body awareness and coordination, supports relief from wind, colic. constipation and teething discomfort. Parents can learn the massage techniques in order to practice massage at home.

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Our Groups Online



Dads Group

The aim of this session is to create some form of a support group / bubble for any Dads in the Sheffield area, whether you're an expectant dad or you've been a Dad for a few years this groups for you. Initially, the groups will be very informal, weekly catch-ups, chats, talking about any concerns you may have, not just about your child, but also yourself, whether that be work related, family related, just a safe space for you to offload and share ideas moving forwards.

From there, we want to put themed sessions on, whether that be baby massage, infant feeding or easy DIY home play sessions everyone can take part in and create a small support group of likeminded dads in the Sheffield area.

Bookstart Corner

An informal and relaxing session for parents and carers of children aged 1- 2.5 years old to find out more about the Bookstart Corner programme and how the FREE Bookstart Corner resources can be used as part of play and routines at home to support your child's learning and development Everyone that signs up will receive a Free pack full of wonderful resources including:

- Go, go Pirate Boat book
- Colours with a Ladybird book
- Finger Puppets
- Song sheets
- Drawing pad
- Colouring crayons and much more!

Packs will be delivered to your home and our staff will follow social distancing guidelines at all times during the delivery

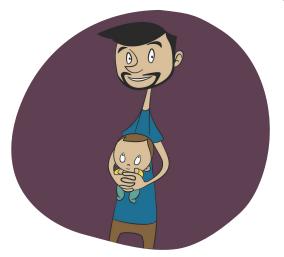
Time to Talk - Coffee Morning sessions

A weekly session on a number of different topics. Grab a cuppa and join these informal sessions where other parents will share ideas and our team will provide top tips and advice.

Topics include:

- Toilet training
- Let's play and learn together
- Dump the dummy
- Let's get talking





Additional Support



We have a dedicated Infant Feeding Support team who work closely with Midwives and Health Visitors to provide information and support during the antenatal and postnatal period. Our team are here to support with all aspects of feeding, caring and bonding with your baby. **Should you require any support contact us on 0114 2735665** and someone will get back to you. You can also **email Sheffieldfamilycentres@sheffield.gov.uk**

Midwifery & Health Visiting

We work closely with Midwifery and Health Visiting teams to host a number of different services to support families within the local area. Midwifery and Health Visitor clinics are offered within Family Centres and community buildings. **Please contact us for more details or speak to your Health care professional.**

Healthy Start Vitamins

Our Family Centres stock women and children's Healthy Start Vitamins. These are FREE to eligible families OR low cost to buy.

Find out if you are eligible for free vitamins:https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/

Speak to your Midwife, Health Visitor or contact us for more information.

Funded Early Learning (FEL)

<u>2 year olds</u>

To find out if you can claim 15 free hours childcare for your 2 year old, visit www.sheffield.gov.uk/freeearlylearning or contact for support around FEL.

<u>3 & 4 year olds</u>

All 3 & 4 year olds are eligible for 15 free child care hours some may be also eligible for an additional 15 hours. Contact your choice of nursery or childminder to discuss this.



Preparation for Birth and Beyond

The 'Preparation for Birth and Beyond' course gives pregnant mums, partners and carers the chance to get the most up to date information on birth, feeding and caring for their babies from fully qualified and experienced staff. The course is currently being delivered online. To see what sessions are available or to book please visit http://Sheffield-PBB.eventbrite.com



Contact us



Our Family Centres are open Monday - Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm

Early Days Family Centre – 71 Palgrave Road S5 8GS (linked sites: Angram Bank Centre) 0114 273 4916

First Start Family Centre – 441 Firth Park Road S5 6HH (linked sites: The Meadow, Burngreave Centre and Brightside Centre) 0114 2039307

Darnall Family Centre - 563 Staniforth Road, S9 4RA (linked sites: Wybourn Centre) 0114 2735008

Shortbrook Family Centre – First Floor Shortbrook Primary School Site, Westfield Northway, S20 8FB (satnav postcode S20 8ND) 0114 2053635

Sharrow Family Centre – Second Floor, Highfield Library, London Road, S2 4NF 0114 2053471

Valley Park Family Centre - 100 Norton Avenue, S14 1SL 0114 2416968

Primrose Family Centre – Creswick Street, S6 2TN (Linked site Stocksbridge Centre) 0114 2052723





What's on in the Early Days Family Centre Area



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Baby Group (0-6 months) 12:30pm - 1:30pm Early Days Family Centre	Breastfeeding Group 9:30am - 10:30am Early Days Family Centre	Toddler Group (Outdoor) 9:30am - 10:30am Early Days Family Centre	Baby Massage 9:30am - 10:30 Angram Bank Centre	Baby Group (0-6 months) 9:30am - 10:30am Early Days Family Centre	
Baby Group (0-6 months) 2pm - 3pm Early Days Family Centre	Breastfeeding Group 11am - 12pm Early Days Family Centre	Playdough Party (Outdoor) 1pm - 2pm Early Days Family Centre	Baby Massage 11am - 12pm Angram Bank Centre		
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What's on in the First Start Family Centre Area



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baby Group (0-6 months) 9:30am - 10:30am The Meadow Children's Centre	Baby Group (0-6 months) 9:30am - 10:30am First Start Family Centre	Baby Massage 10am - 11am The Meadow Children's Centre	Breastfeeding group 9:30am - 10:30am The Meadow Children's Centre	Breastfeeding group 9:30am - 10:30am First Start Family Centre
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Baby Massage 1pm - 2pm First Start Family Centre	Baby Group (0-6 months) 1pm - 2pm First Start Family Centre	Playdough Party (Outdoor) 1:30pm - 2pm Burngreave Family Centre	Breastfeeding group 11am - 12pm The Meadow Children's Centre	
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Due to current restrictions places are limited and must be booked. Please ring First Start Family Centre on O114 2039307 to book your place.



What's on in the Darnall Family Centre Area Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Monday Breastfeeding Baby Group (0-6 Breastfeeding **Please contact** Please contact group months) group **Darnall Family Darnall Family** 9:30am - 10:30am 9:30am - 10:30am 11am - 12pm Centre to find out Centre to find out **Darnall Family** Wybourn **Darnall Family** what is running what is running Centre Centre **Children's Centre** Baby Group (0-6 Breastfeeding **Buggy Push** months) group 1pm - 2pm 9:30am - 10:30am 11am - 12pm **Manor Fields Park** Wvbourn Wybourn **Children's Centre Children's Centre** Baby Group (0-6 **Baby Massage Toddler Session** months) 1pm - 2pm (Outdoor) 1pm - 2pm Wybourn 1oam - 11:30am **Darnall Family Children's Centre High Hazels Park** Centre Breastfeeding Baby Group (0-6 **Buggy Push** group months) 11am - 12pm 11am - 12pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm Norfolk Park **Darnall Family Darnall Family** Centre Centre Baby Group (0-6 months) 11am - 12pm Wybourn **Children's Centre Baby Massage** 1pm - 2pm **Darnall Family** Centre Baby Group (0-6 months) 1pm - 2pm Wybourn **Children's Centre**

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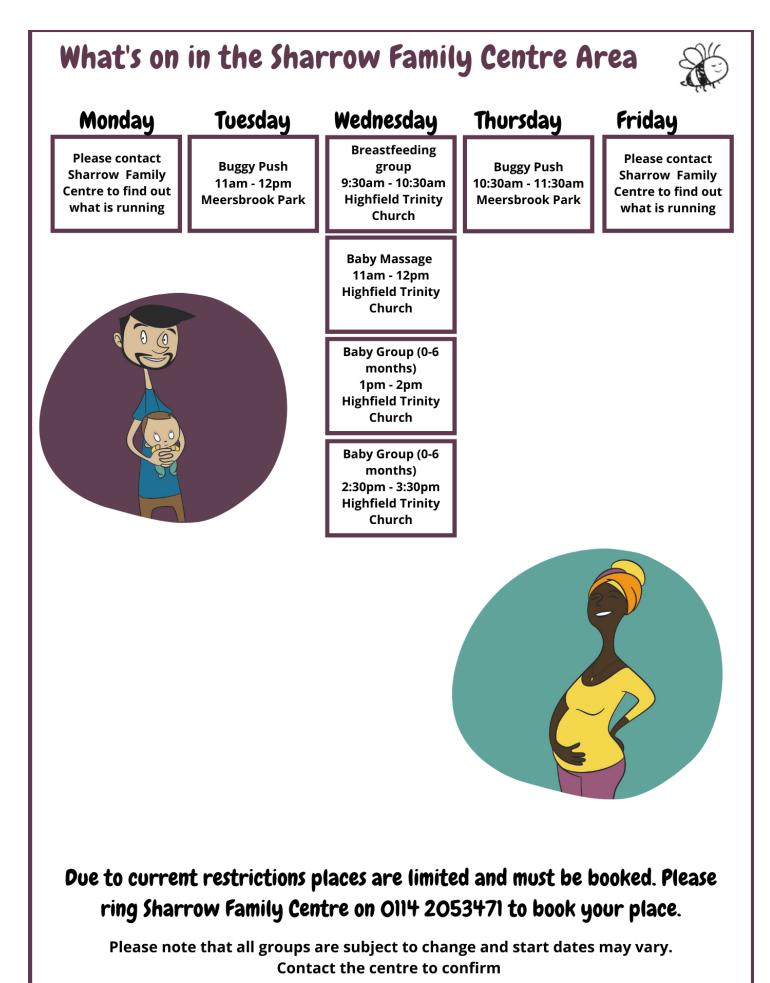
What's on in the Shortbrook Family Centre Area



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baby Group (0-6 months) 1pm - 2pm Shortbook Family Centre	Baby Massage 10am - 11am Shortbrook Family Centre	Buggy Push 10am - 11am Shirebrook Nature Reserve	Breastfeeding group 9:30am - 10:30am Stradbroke Community Centre	Please contact Shortbrook Family Centre to find out what is running
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What's on in the Valley Park Family Centre Area				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breastfeeding group 11am - 12pm Lowedges Community Centre	Baby Group (0-6 months) 10am - 11am Lowedges Community Centre	Baby Massage 11am - 12pm Valley Park Family Centre	Breastfeeding group 9:30am - 10:30am Valley Park Family Centre	Breastfeeding group 10am - 11am Valley Park Family Centre
	Baby Group (0-6 months) 11:30am - 12:30pm Lowedges Community Centre	Buggy Push 11am - 12pm Greenhill Park	Breastfeeding group 11am - 12pm Valley Park Family Centre	
	Breastfeeding group 1:15pm - 2:15 Lowedges Community Centre Baby Massage 1:15pm - 2:15 Lowedges Community Centre			

Due to current restrictions places are limited and must be booked. Please ring Valley Park Family Centre on 0114 2416968 to book your place.



What's on in the Primrose Family Centre Area



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breastfeeding group 9:30am - 10:30am Primrose Family Centre	Toddler Session (Outdoor) 9:30am - 10:30am Primrose Family Centre	Breastfeeding Support Walk 12:30pm - 1:30pm Oughtibrigdge Park	Breastfeeding group 9:30am - 10:30am Primrose Family Centre	Please contact Primrose Family Centre to find out what is running
Breastfeeding group 11am - 12pm Primrose Family Centre	Buggy Push 10:30am - 11:30am Hillsborough Park	Baby Group (0-6 months) 1pm - 2pm Primrose Family Centre	Breastfeeding group 11am - 12pm Primrose Family Centre	
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Due to current restrictions places are limited and must be booked. Please ring Primrose Family Centre on 0114 2052723 to book your place.

