

Elstead & Villages Sure Start Children's Centre



The services we provide:

Elstead & Villages Sure Start Children's Centre provides a range of services for children under five and their families. These services vary depending on need.

We work closely with health visitors, midwives, social care, local schools and nurseries and other agencies to reach the most vulnerable families and ensure we meet their needs first and foremost. One of our key focuses is supporting parents to develop their child within the home, supporting the work of childminders and nurseries, ensuring they are confident in their parenting and with themselves.

Our service delivery plan sets out what we do, and why we do it, with clear expected outcomes so we can see that what we are doing is making a difference.

Our current services include weekly free play and learn ses-

sions where parents stay, have fun with their children and become involved in their learning. We also run activities throughout the school holidays and provide a free information, guidance and advice service to help with any aspects of family life including benefit claiming, job applications and training, health advice and signposting to other services supporting such issues as mental health/financial difficulties.

We use the mobile children's centre to access remote communities, helping with integration and parenting / child development.

Our Outreach Worker can go into family homes and do direct support work for a 6-8 week period. We receive, and welcome, referrals for this work via the EHA process or as part of a CIN/CP plan, or from other professionals such as health visitors/HSLW and head teachers.

The Children's Centre Core Purpose:

As a children's centre we are here to respond to the needs of the families with children aged 0-5 within our area. We are supported by the head of St James Primary School and their link governor, and have an active Advisory Board with members from our parents and the local community along

with health and education professionals. Meeting termly we discuss the needs of the community and ensure that the budget is spent in accordance with the government's Core Purpose: **Improve outcomes for young children and their families with a particular focus on the most disadvantaged**

families, in order to reduce inequalities in: child development and school readiness; parenting aspirations and parenting skills; child and family health and life chances. We would like to hear from you if there is a family we can help, or a service you believe we should offer.

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Spring Term 2018 Calendar

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| Baby Massage @ St Marys ,Frensham | 5 weeks from 6th June 2018 |
| Play & Learn @ EVSSCC | Every Monday 9.30 -11.00am |
| Parenting Puzzle | Ring for details |
| First Aid course @ St James , Elstead | 24th April 2018 |

Support available

Home visits /Book Start Corner
Breastfeeding/intro ducing family foods
Parenting advice and guidance
Behaviour / Healthy Easting Advice
Accessing funded nursery places for 2 & 3 yr olds