Have your say on the future of our Children’s Centres.

Consultation In progress!

You can find out more about the proposals and contribute to the process of consultation by completing the children’s centre consultation on line:

Lambeth.gov.uk/children's-centres-consultation

(click the ‘Consultation’ tab and scroll down).

You could also collect a consultation form and booklet from the Children’s Centre office or indeed any Lambeth Children’s Centre. We also have a ballot box to post your completed form.

While the Local Authority funding cuts cannot be avoided, you can still influence the way in which services are delivered.

Your views really do count, so please take this opportunity to have your say about how you would like to see Lambeth Children’s Centres operate in future.

This consultation is running from 3 December 2018 to 10 February 2019.

What’s new this half term

Lambeth SEND Offer

Lambeth Early Years SEN Team are pleased to announce that they have linked in with Children’s Centres across the borough, to offer support and advice drop-ins for Lambeth parents with concerns about their child and for those with children diagnosed with Autism under 5.

Each drop-in will be based around these three areas: SEN & Autism, Communication and Behaviour and Sleep & Toileting.

There will be a Drop in for parents with specific concerns about SEN & Autism at Hitherfield Children’s Centre on Wednesday 13th February 09:30am to 11:30. There is no need to book a place, just come along. Catherine Pearson, Early Years SEN Manager will be hosting the sessions.

If you have any questions or would like more details about the Drop In sessions across Lambeth please contact Catherine Pearson on 07710026923 or cpearson@lambeth.gov.uk.

Alternatively come and see us in the Children’s Centre Office for a leaflet or please see the school website (follow the link to the Children’s Centre).
MONDAYS

Parents and Children Together
9.30am – 12.00pm
14th Jan - 1st April (At Hillside Gardens)

Early Learning drop-in activity group for children aged 0-5 with their parents and carers. Fun things to see and do. Great stories, rhymes and activities for you and your child to help develop language and social skills in preparation for nursery school. For very young babies there is a dedicated baby area with age-appropriate toys and activities that they will love.

Toddlers will enjoy a range of play and learning activities including messy play, art and craft, outdoor physical play and dressing up. The children will have a fruit snack with milk or water at the end of the session, so if you would like to bring a piece of fruit to share, it would be very much appreciated.

A contribution of 50p per child also helps to cover the cost of activities and new resources.

With Ashley Flood, Early Years Educator.
NB This group will also take place on Fridays 11th Jan - 5th April

TUESDAYS

ESOL Reading and Writing
9.30am – 11.30am (At Hitherfield)
22nd Jan - 2nd April. *Enrolment 15th Jan

This course supports the teaching and learning especially for those who have English as an additional language. Regularly attending sessions will improve speaking, listening, reading and writing in English and help to increase learners’ confidence to become more active in the community.

Tuesdays are expected to be punctual and commit to attending each week to gain accreditation.

There is a crèche provided but places are limited so please speak to someone in the centre in advance to confirm availability.

With Emma Scott, Adult Tutor, High Trees Community Development Trust.

Triple F
12.30pm – 2.30pm
15th Jan - 5th Feb and 19th Feb - 12th March, (At Hitherfield)

4 week parenting discussion groups ideally for parents of children aged 2-11 years.

Relaxed and informal environment.

Light refreshments provided. Free information and resources to keep and use at home.

There is also a free crèche, but places are limited so please book your place now to avoid disappointment.

With Phyllis Hayden, Centre Manager (Hitherfield) and Andrew Keane, Better Start Worker, (Sunnyhill Children’s Centre).

WEDNESDAYS

Sing Up! (At Hillside Gardens) 9.30am – 11.00am
9th Jan - 3rd April

Come and enjoy singing your favourite songs and perhaps learning some new ones, making new friends and great music together using rattles, shakers, drums and lots of other wonderful percussion instruments.

With Ashley Flood, Early Years Educator.

Please see overleaf for dates for speech and language support with Maggie Richards, Speech and Language Therapist.

Better Start Support

Sometimes more time and space is needed to discuss concerns privately, with a view to finding the right help and solution for the issue in hand. If that is the case, you can make an appointment to discuss this with Lisa Pollard-Romain, Better Start Worker or Phyllis Hayden, Centre Manager.

Confidential advice and support for a range of different issues such as: finding out about childcare options, concerns regarding your child’s health and development, obtaining foodbank vouchers, difficulties in relationships, loneliness, isolation or other personal and emotional concerns.

If there is an issue that we cannot help you with directly, we will provide the necessary support for you to access the right service ensuring that you are able to get the help you need.

Please make your appointment at the office.

THURSDAYS

Diva Group (At Hitherfield) 10.00am – 12.00pm
10th Jan - 4th April

Sensitively group support and practical advice for young women experiencing difficult personal relationships and domestic violence.

There is a crèche provided but places are limited so please speak to someone at the Centre in advance to confirm availability.

Sessions led by Elaine Gaskell Mew, St Michael’s Fellowship.

Consultation Meeting for Parents and Centre Users.
Thursday 31st January 9.30am - 11.00am.

Come and find out from a Lambeth Representative about the consultation process and the future plans for Children’s Centre services in Lambeth.

We shall be providing light refreshments and a limited crèche.

Please book a place early to allow us to plan for the number of people expected and accommodate you.

Parents and Children Together 9.30am – 12.00pm
18th Jan - 5th April (Hillside Gardens)

Early Learning drop-in activity group for children aged 0-5 with their parents and carers.

Fun things to learn, see and do.

Great stories, rhymes and activities for you and your child to help develop language and social skills in preparation for nursery school.

For more information please see the section on Mondays.

With Ashley Flood, Early Years Educator.

Forest School
18th January - 5th April 1.00pm - 300pm (Hillside Gardens)

Fun and learning with Douglas from Nature Vibeze, for families who particularly love exploring together outdoors.

Planned activities will help to promote teamwork, greater confidence, independence, and increased understanding of the natural environment. Children will be inspired to follow their own interests and be creative.

Great opportunities for physical and messy play.

Please ensure you and your child are dressed appropriately!

Sign up in the Children’s Centre now to avoid disappointment!

FRIDAYS

Parents and Children Together 9.30am – 11.30am
5th April

COME FOR FUN AND LEARNING FOR BABIES AGED 0 - 12 MONTHS.

This group provides a good opportunity for your baby to meet other young babies and develop social, emotional and physical skills.

Parents can meet other new parents and find out about what else is happening in the Children’s Centre and use the time and space to share experiences of being a new parent.

Support to access child health services and information e.g. breastfeeding, weaning, language and development.

A warm, comfortable and friendly environment with great facilities and age-appropriate resources.

With Phyllis Hayden, Centre Manager.

About Our Courses, Activities and Crèches.

Our courses and activities normally run during school term times unless otherwise stated.

This sign denotes that you must sign up to the activity in advance to secure your place. You can do this in the Centre’s Office. Once your place has been allocated, it is expected that you attend all sessions. Crèche places are limited and are for children aged from 6 months. Please book places in advance to avoid disappointment.

You are welcome to access all other activities without this sign according to your needs or the age and needs of your child. For the most up to date information about our services and activities please have a look at our website http://www.hitherfield.co.uk and follow the links to the Children’s Centre or call the Centre directly on 0208 835 9569. We look forward to hearing from you.