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## **Parent/Carer and Toddler Groups and Drop-ins for Children Under 5**



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Parent and toddler groups cater mostly for parents and carers with children under five, although some are only open to children under three. They are often set up and run by the parents themselves, although some are provided by organisations such as Family Centres or Sure Start. They provide an opportunity for children to play with different equipment and interact with other children, as well as giving parents and carers a chance to socialise. These groups do not have to be registered with Ofsted as parents/carers do not leave the children unattended.

You stay with your child and take responsibility for them at all times. Some groups are free and some make a small charge for refreshments.

#### Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Centre

This centre seeks to serve the health, welfare, education and training needs of Moroccan and Arabic speaking women and their families, who mostly live in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and surrounding areas.

**Opening hours/days:** on, Monday - Friday: 9.30am - 5pm Appointment only. Wednesday Drop-in: 2.00 - 4.00 & Friday Drop-in: 10.00am-12.00 noon

**Nearest transport:** Tube: Ladbroke Grove, Westbourne Park. Bus: 23,31,28,7,52,18,295

**Address:** Bays 4-5, Trelick Tower, Golborne Road London W10 5PL

**Telephone:** 020 8969 2292

**Email:** [contact@al-hasaniya.org.uk](mailto:contact@al-hasaniya.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.al-hasaniya.org.uk](http://www.al-hasaniya.org.uk)

#### Brompton Library Baby Rhyme Time

An excellent opportunity for parents, carers and children to make new friends and enjoy the session together. The sessions are free. Tickets are available from the library on Saturdays for children who have library cards. One ticket per library card.

**Opening hours/days:** Monday: 2pm - 2.30pm & Story Time Wednesday: 10.00 - 10.30

**Nearest transport:** Tube: Earls Court. Bus: C1, 328, 74

**Address:** 210 Old Brompton Road, SW5 0BS

**Telephone:** 020 7373 3010

**E-mail:** [information.services@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:information.services@rbkc.gov.uk)

**Website:**

<http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/leisureandlibraries/libraries/ourlibraries/bromptonlibrary.aspx>

#### Chelsea Library Baby Rhyme Time

Parents, carers, grandparents, uncles, aunts all very welcome. Please collect one ticket per child. 25 Tickets are free and available from the Children's Library on the preceding Saturday. Children must have a library card to get a ticket.

**Opening hours/days:** Thursday 11am - 11.20am; Storytime Friday 11.00am - 11.20am

**Nearest Transport:** Tube: Sloane Square, South Kensington Buses: 11, 19, 22, 49, 211, 319

**Address:** Chelsea Old Town Hall, Kings Road, SW3 5EZ

**Telephone:** 020 7373 3010

**E-mail:** [information.services@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:information.services@rbkc.gov.uk)

**Website:**

<http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/leisureandlibraries/libraries/ourlibraries/chelsealibrary.aspx>

#### Cheyne Children's Centre

Facilities offered for people using the centre.

AA and NA members and Women's Trust Group Counselling members. Please contact Centre about Drop-In facilities if you wish to attend.

**Opening hours/days:** Monday - Friday 8.00am - 5.45pm

**Address:** 10 Thorndike Close, SW10 0ST

**Telephone:** 020 7349 1650

**Email:** [infocheynechildrenscentre@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:infocheynechildrenscentre@rbkc.gov.uk)

#### Early Learning Music Academy (ELMA)

Elma is about beginning the journey of Music. Classes are structured for very young children, 6 months to 3 years, who are accompanied by an adult. Each class of 12 has two or more professional teachers.

**Opening hours/days:** Various times, please contact Tricia Hales for more information.

**Nearest transport:** Tube: Earls Court, Kensington Olympia and Kensington High Street. Bus 328

**Address:** St Phillips Church, Stafford Road, London, W8 6QA

**Telephone:** 07951 955 445

**E-mail:** [tricia@elmacademy.org.uk](mailto:tricia@elmacademy.org.uk)

**Website:** <http://www.elmacademy.org.uk>

#### Golborne Children's Centre

Various parent/carer and toddler groups are held at the centre for children from 0 - 4 years.

**Opening hours/days:** Various opening times, please contact for more detail.

**Address:** Golborne Children's Centre, 2a Bevington Road, London, W10 5TN

**Telephone:** 020 8968 5622

#### Ilys Booker Centre Drop in Service

Are you looking for a place where you and your baby or under 3 year old can go together? Do you want a place to meet other parents? Find somewhere you can relax in a friendly and

welcoming setting? You can stay for as long or as short a time as you wish and there is a kitchen where you can prepare food and snacks. The service is FREE - you only pay for refreshments. Mums, dads, grandparents, childminders or carers - everyone is welcome!

**Opening hours/days:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 09.30am – 1.00pm

**Nearest Transport:** Tube: Ladbroke Grove or Latimer Road. Bus 23, 1, 52 or 295

**Address:** Lower Clarendon Walk (off Lancaster Road), Lancaster West Estate, London, W11 1SL

**Telephone:** 0207 221 9031

**Email:** [deedainton@live.co.uk](mailto:deedainton@live.co.uk)

### Jigsaw Club

A drop-in group for Parents and children under 5 years run in partnership with West London Action for Children. The service is free of charge and lunch is provided. Each week a different activity is held, such as breastfeeding workshop, baby massage class, presentations from a speech therapist or from the Family Information Service.

**Opening hours/days** Wednesdays 11.00am – 1.30pm

**Nearest transport:** Bus: 49, 19, 22, 211, 319, 11, 360; tube stop Sloane Square

**Address:** Chelsea Methodist Church, 155a King's Road, Chelsea, SW3 5TX

**Telephone:** 020 7352 9305 ext. 27

**Telephone:** 020 7352 1155

**Email** [team@wlac.org.uk](mailto:team@wlac.org.uk)

**Website** <http://www.chelseamethodist.org.uk/>

### Kensal Library Baby Rhyme Time

Parent and Toddler Drop-In.

**Opening hours/days:** Thursdays: 10.30am - 11am,

Toddler time: Thursdays 10.30am – 11.30am

**Nearest transport:** Tube: Ladbroke Grove, Westbourne Park. Bus: 295, 23, 52, 452, 7, 70

**Address:** 20 Golborne Road, W10 5PE

**Telephone:** 020 7373 3010

**E-mail:** [information.services@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:information.services@rbkc.gov.uk)

**Website:**

<http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/az/az.asp?OrgId=847>

### Kensington Central Library - Baby Rhyme Time

Parents, carers, grandparents, uncles, aunts all very welcome!! All tickets are available from Saturday onwards.

Times vary during school holidays - please contact the library for details.

**Opening hours/days:** Tuesday 2-2.20pm Story time, Wednesday and Friday: 10.00am – 10.20am.

**Nearest transport:** Tube: High Street Kensington. Bus: 52, 28, 328, 49, C1, 9, 10, 27

**Address:** Philimore Walk, W8 7RX

**Telephone:** 020 7373 3010

**E-mail:** [information.services@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:information.services@rbkc.gov.uk)

**Website:**

<http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/az/az.asp?OrgID=858>

### Meanwhile Gardens Under 6's Playhut (Drop In)

Purpose built building with free indoor and outdoor facilities including paddling pool. A wide selection of toys and activities for children aged under 6 years. Open during the school holidays. Refreshments available. The building is also available for hire for children's parties.

**Opening hours/days:** Monday – Friday 2.00pm – 5.00pm. Closed Wednesdays

**Nearest transport:** Westbourne Park. Bus: 31, 28, 328 and 23

**Address:** 31 Elkstone Road, W10 5NT (Set within gardens)

**Telephone:** 020 8960 7894

**Email** [playhut@meanwhilegardens.com](mailto:playhut@meanwhilegardens.com)

**Website** [www.mgca.f2s.com](http://www.mgca.f2s.com)

### North Kensington Library Baby Rhyme Time

Toddler morning with rhymes and music which lasts about 30 minutes. Toys are available to play with beforehand. An excellent opportunity for parents and carers to introduce children to books and play and to meet others. A ticket system is in place for the sessions, 25 tickets per session and tickets will be available from the library each Wednesday for the following Monday.

**Opening hours/days:** Mondays 10.30am - 11.30am

**Nearest transport:** Tube: Ladbroke Grove. Bus: 52, 452, 23, 7, 70, 295.

**Address:** 108 Ladbroke Grove, W11 1PZ

**Telephone:** 020 7373 3010

**E-mail:** [information.services@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:information.services@rbkc.gov.uk)

**Website:**

<http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/az/az.asp?OrgID=1142>

### Our Lady of Victories Parent & Toddler Group

Meets every Wednesday and Thursday morning in the Parish Hall; there are tea, coffee and newspapers for the parents and a great selection of toys for babies and preschool toddlers.

**Address:** Our Lady of Victories Church, 235a Kensington High Street, W8 6SA

**Opening hours/days:** Wed 10.00am and Thurs 10.00am – 11.45am

**Telephone:** Tamara for Wednesday group 07920 481211 or for Thursday group, Jana 07966171802

**Website:**

<http://www.ourladyofvictories.org.uk/default.htm>

### Rugby Portobello Trust (RPT) Drop-In

A free drop-in service run by Sure Start located in a spacious hall. There is a cafe which serves children's meals. Parents can bring their own sandwiches if they wish. Play equipment available

including a climbing frame and soft play activities for all ages.

**Opening hours/days:** Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9am - 3.00pm, term time only.

**Nearest transport:** Tube: Latimer Road, Holland Park. Bus: 295

**Address:** 221 Walmer Road, W11 4EY

**Telephone:** 020 7313 5272

**Email:** [info@rpt.org.uk](mailto:info@rpt.org.uk); [rupert.taylor@rpt.org.uk](mailto:rupert.taylor@rpt.org.uk)

**Website:**

<http://www.rugbyportobello.org.uk/index.php>

### St Peter's Under 3's Parent and Toddler Group

The Under Three's have moved to St Francis Community Church, Dalgarno Way, W10 5EL. Buses 7 and 70 go along Barlby Rd and bus stop is labelled Dalgarno Gdns.

The place to be if you are under three. Come with your mum, dad and/or carer to St Francis Church from 9.45 to 11.45 on Tuesday to Friday throughout the year. We charge £2.00 per child per session; offer a range of activities for newborns up to three, as well as holding special events throughout the year.

**Opening hours/days:** Tuesday to Friday: 9.45am - 11.45am

**Nearest transport:** Bus: 7 and 70 – Barlby Road.

**Address:** Kensington Park Road (opp. Stanley Gdns.), London W11 3DB

**Telephone:** 020 8968 4733

**Website:**

<http://www.stpetersnottinghill.org.uk/childrenandyoungpeople.htm>

### Stay and Play at St Marks

A place where parents/carers can drop in with their children (under 5s) to play. Activities include paint, dough, sand, water, construction, books, musical instruments, baby area and outside area.

**Opening hours/days:** Monday to Friday: 12.30pm - 4.00pm

**Nearest transport:** Tube: Ladbroke Grove, Latimer Road. Bus: 7, 316, 295

**Address:** Office Address: 73 Charles Square, W10 6EJ. Venue Address: 137a St Mark's Road, Kensington Memorial Park, St Marks Road, W10 6BZ

**Telephone:** 020 8968 4339

**Website:** <http://www.cathchild.org.uk/pages/st-marks-park-stay-and-play.html>

### The Little Scrubs Play Hut

Parent and Toddler Group. The opening hours for the group change during the holidays, please check with them for details.

**Opening hours/days:** Monday - Friday: 10.00am - 1.00pm term time only

**Nearest transport:** Bus: 220, 7, 70. Tube: White City and Latimer Road

**Address:** Little Wormwood Scrubs, Dalgarno Gardens, W10 6AD

**Telephone:** 020 8969 7779

**Email:** [pburnett57@aol.com](mailto:pburnett57@aol.com)

### The Rainbow Parent and Toddler Group

Group for under 2s in caring environment with qualified staff, learning through play. An adult must stay. There is a waiting list. Parents and carers are advised to call before attending.

**Opening hours/days:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2.00 - 4.30pm (playgroup for 2– 5 years)

**Nearest transport:** Tube: South Kensington, Sloane Square

**Address:** Little St Luke's Hall, St Luke's Street, SW3 3NH

**Telephone:** 020 7352 8784 / 020 8875 9838

**Email:** [lucy@ringrosechelsea.co.uk](mailto:lucy@ringrosechelsea.co.uk)

**Website:** [www.ringrosechelsea.co.uk](http://www.ringrosechelsea.co.uk)

### Tiny Tots Montessori

Parent and Toddler Montessori Sessions. Sessions include dance, music and drama. Please telephone for further information.

**Opening hours/days:** Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9.45am - 11.00am

**Nearest transport:** Tube: Queensway, Notting Hill Gate, Bayswater. Bus: 148, 94, 390, 70, 328, 31, 28, 27, 52

**Address:** Montessori Parent and Toddler Group, 47 Palace Court, W11 2RB

**Telephone:** 020 7792 1964

**Website:**

<http://www.angelsandurchins.co.uk/whatson/event/395/Tiny-Tots-Montessori>

### Toddler Times Montessori Creative Art Classes

At Toddler Times Montessori Creative Art Classes we help children explore their creativity, develop their senses and learn about the world around them. Every week there is a different theme, which we explore with art. We start with a short circle in the beginning where we sing a few songs and present the special project. The children and carers are free to explore the stations and experiment with the materials that are set up for them. We have lots of painting opportunities, at the easel, on the floor, sticking gluing, cutting, sand, water, play dough, practical life area to help to develop small motor skills and concentration. Our aim is to provide a Montessori inspired, process oriented and child centred environment where the very young can experiment with paint, play dough, sand, water, crayons etc. At the end of the session we gather for another short circle for a story or another short activity. The classes are 60 minutes long. There is at

least one teacher present at each class. Parent/carer and toddler work together to help the child with growing a sense of self and independence. It is a fun class in the heart of Holland Park for toddlers and their adult companions to discover different art media, songs, nursery-rhymes and make new friends.

**Toddler Times Montessori Plus:** 110 minutes of exploration and discoveries! Activities include art: paints, introduction to various techniques, practical life area, sensorial area, singing, stories and snack together. In a relaxed, Montessori environment the children build up their confidence and self-esteem and most importantly have a wonderful time. Drop off is possible when the child is settled and happy to stay. The sessions are delicately designed by Kati (BA in Education, MA in Educational Psychology, Montessori trained and mother of two) and her skilled team to provide a nurturing environment for children from 2 years of age and up: St. Luke's Church, Redcliffe Gardens, SW10, Monday and Tuesday mornings 9.30-11.20am.

**Age group:** 18 months – 4.5 years (Holland Park)  
22months-4.5yo. (St. Luke's Church)

**Opening times Holland Park:** Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.30am – 10:30am; 10.45am – 11:45am

St. Luke's Church in Redcliffe Gardens: Monday & Tuesday 9:30-11:20.

**Nearest transport:** Holland Park Location: Tube: Holland Park . Bus: Kensington High Street - 28, 27, 328, 9, 10 Holland Park Avenue - 94, 148. St. Luke's Church: 5 minutes walk from Earls Court towards Chelsea on Redcliffe Gardens.

**Address:** Holland Park Youth Hostel, Holland Walk, W8 7QU; St. Luke's Church, Redcliffe Gardens, London SW10 9HF

**Telephone:** 07960 919156

**Email:** [art@toddlertimes.co.uk](mailto:art@toddlertimes.co.uk)

**Website:** [www.toddlertimes.co.uk](http://www.toddlertimes.co.uk)

### Violet Melchett Children's Centre

The Drop-in provides an opportunity for Parents/Carers to meet and make use of the large playroom and outside area. Parent/Carer must stay with their children whilst using the drop-in.

**Opening hours/days:** Baby session for under 1s Monday: 10am – 12.00pm; Toddlers: Tue/Thurs/Fri: 10am – 12.00pm

**Nearest transport:** Tube: Sloane Square & South Kensington. Bus: 19, 11, 49, 22

**Address:** 30 Flood Street, SW3 5RR

**Telephone:** 020 7352 1512

### Worlds End Under 5s Centre

Drop-in service for under 5s, which is open 50 weeks a year.

**Opening hours/days:** Monday to Friday: 9.30am – 11.45, Crèche Thurs, and Fri: 1pm - 3.15pm. Wed Community Crèche 1.00pm – 3.00pm, Connexions Young Mothers Group Wed 1.00pm – 4.00pm

**Nearest transport:** Tube: Earls Court, Sloane Square, South Kensington. Bus: 11, 211, 19, 319, 22

**Address:** 18 Blantyre Street, SW10 0DS

**Telephone:** 020 7351 5871

**Email:** [worldsend@under5centre.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:worldsend@under5centre.fsnet.co.uk)