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

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**Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women’s Centre**

Drop-In for women who are accessing the centre’s facilities only. Please contact the centre for details.

**Opening hours/days:** on, Monday - Friday: 9.30am - 5pm Appointment only. 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, Trellick Tower, Golborne Road London W10 5PL

**Telephone:** 020 8969 2292

**Email:** info@al-hasaniya.org.uk

**Website:** www.al-hasaniya.org.uk

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**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

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

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

**Telephone:** 020 7373 3111

**E-mail:** information.services@rbkc.gov.uk

**Website:** www.rbkc.gov.uk/Libraries/childrenslibrary

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**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 - 11.30am.

**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 7352 6056

**E-mail:** information.services@rbkc.gov.uk

**Website:** www.rbkc.gov.uk/Libraries/childrenslibrary

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**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 attend.

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

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

**Telephone:** 020 7349 1650

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**Colville Primary School**

The drop-in is for parents, carers, grandparents and their children under 5 years. It will be run by Souad Noureddine, an experienced Early Years Practitioner working with parents and their children. The drop-in will offer opportunities for play-based experiences with age appropriate resources for you to interact with your child.

**Opening hours/days:** Mondays and Wednesdays (Term Time Only). 9.30am – 11.30am.

**Nearest Transport:** Tube: Ladbroke Grove Buses: 23, 52, 452, 70.

**Address:** Colville Primary School, Lonsdale Road, London W11 2DF

**Telephone:** 020 7229 6540

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**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: Gloucester Road, South Kensington. Bus: 52, 9, 10, 70

**Address:** The Drawing Room, Queen Alexandra’s House, Bremner Road, Kensington Gore London SW7 2QT

**Telephone:** 07951 955 445

**E-mail:** tricia@elmacademy.org.uk

**Website:** http://www.elmacademy.org.uk/index.htm

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For more information contact the Family Information Service on 020 7361 3302
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, Holmefield House, 4 Golborne Road, W10 5PE
Telephone: 020 7938 8400

Illy's Booker 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, Friday, 09.30am – 3.00pm
Nearest Transport: Tube Latimer Road. Bus 295
Address: Lower Clarendon Walk, Lancaster West Estate, London, W11 1FI
Telephone: 0207 221 9031

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 – 2.30pm
Nearest transport: Bus: 49, 19, 22, 319, 11
Address: Chelsea Methodist Church, 155a King’s Road, Chelsea, SW3 5TX
Telephone: 020 7352 9305 ext. 22
Telephone: 020 7352 1155
Email team@wlac.org.uk
Website www.wlac.org.uk

Kensal Library Baby Rhyme Time
Parent and Toddler Drop-In.
Opening hours/days: Thursdays: 10am - 11.30am
Address: 20 Golborne Road, W10 5PE
Telephone: 020 8964 6280
E-mail: information.services@rbkc.gov.uk
Website: www.rbkc.gov.uk/Libraries/childrenslibrary

Kensington Central Library - Baby Rhyme Time
Parents, carers, grandparents, uncles, aunts all very welcome!! Please collect one ticket per child. All tickets are available from Saturday onwards.
Times vary during school holidays - please contact the library for details.
Opening hours/days: Fridays: 10.30am - 11.00am
Nearest transport: Tube: High Street Kensington. Bus: 52, 28, 328, 49, C1, 9, 10, 27
Address: Philimore Walk, W8 7RX
Telephone: 020 7937 2542/020 7361 3010
E-mail: information.services@rbkc.gov.uk
Website: www.rbkc.gov.uk/Libraries/childrenslibrary

Kensington United Reformed Church (KURC)
Parent, Baby and Toddler Group
Come along and meet other parents. Our weekly activities will keep your children entertained, build their social skills and give them lots of fun and laughter. No need to book, just drop in and join the fun!
Opening hours/days: Fridays: 10.30am – 12.30pm
Nearest transport: Tube: High Street Kensington. Bus: 52, 28, 328, 49, C1, 9, 10, 27
Address: Kensington United Reform Church, Allen Street, Kensington, London W8 6BL
Telephone: 020 7361 1670
E-mail: kurc@btconnect.com

Meanwhile Gardens Community Association
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. Experienced playworkers on site. Refreshments available. The building is also available for hire for children’s parties.
Opening hours/days: Monday – Friday (closed Wednesdays): 2pm - 5pm.
Address: Elkstone Road, W10 5NT
Telephone: 020 8960 7894

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 10.45am - 11.30am
Address: 108 Ladbroke Grove, W11 1PZ
Telephone: 020 7361 3010
E-mail: information.services@rbkc.gov.uk
Website: www.rbkc.gov.uk/Libraries/childrenslibrary

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For more information contact the Family Information Service on 020 7361 3302
Our Lady of Victories Parent & Toddler Group
Meets every Wednesday 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. Contact: Amanda Dickson on 7244 0521. As the Wednesday group is now full, a new group has been started on Thursdays. If you would like to attend please come along on Thursday and speak to Yana (or call 07966 171 802 or 020 7565 0532).
Address: Our Lady of Victories Church, 235a Kensington High Street, W8 6SA
Opening hours/days: Thursdays 10am - 11.45am.
Telephone: Yana on 07966 171 802 or 020 7565 0532
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 7792 2928
Email: info@rpt.org.uk

St Margaret’s Parent and Toddler Group
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, story times, song times and group times.
Opening hours/days: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9.30am - 11.30am
Address: St Margaret’s Family Centre, 73 St Charles Square, W10 6EJ
Telephone: 020 8968 4733
Email: Janicet@cathchild.org.uk
Website: www.cathchild.org.uk

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 Barlbry 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 – Barlbry Road.
Address: St Francis Community Church, Dalgarno Way, W10 5EL.
Telephone: 020 8968 4733

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 - Friday: 12.30pm - 4.00pm
Address: Office Address: 73 Charles Square, W10 6EJ. Venue Address: Kensington Memorial Park, St Marks Road, W10 6BZ
Telephone: 020 8968 4339

The Playhut
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

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) Thursday: 2.30pm - 4.00pm (term time only)
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

For more information contact the Family Information Service on 020 7361 3302
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, W2 4LS
**Telephone:** 020 7792 1964

Toddle In
A playgroup run by local mums and carers and their toddlers aged 0-3 years. Space to play, time to sing, friends to meet, refreshments.
**Opening hours/days:** Thursday: 10.00am – 11.30am
**Nearest transport:** Bus: 70
**Address:** St Francis Church, Dalgarno Way, W10 5EL
**Telephone:** 020 8968 4733

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 45 minutes long. There is at least one teacher present at each class. Parent/carer and toddler work together to help the child to grow 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.
**Age group:** 18 months – 4 years
**Opening times:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am – 10.45am 11.05am – 11.50am
**Nearest transport:** Tube Fulham Broadway,
**Address:** St Luke’s Church, Radcliffe Gardens SW10
**Telephone:** 07960 919 156
**Email:** toddlertimes123@yahoo.com
**Email:** art@toddlerlimes.co.uk
**Website:** 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 – 12.30pm. Friday: 1.30pm – 3.30pm Toddlers: Tuesdays: 10am – 12.30pm. Thursday: 10am – 12.30am. Friday: 10am – 12.30pm.
**Nearest transport:** Tube: Sloane Square & South Kensington. Bus: 19, 11, 49, 22
**Address:** 30 Flood Street, SW3 5RR
**Telephone:** 020 7361 3302
World’s 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 Mon, Thurs, and Fri: 1pm - 3.15pm.
Tues & 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