January 2025

Early Years Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to the 6th edition of our termly Walsall 0-5 years Early Years newsletter for families living in the Walsall Borough.

Our newsletter aims to provide parents and carers information on local groups as well as lots of helpful resources and ideas of activities to do at home to support your child's early development and language skills. A full timetable of our events, plus the locations of our four Family Hubs can be found on the Family Hubs website: www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk Follow us on Facebook Walsallfamiliesintheknow

Did you know that your 3 year old can start 15 hours funded childcare the term after his/her birthday?

You do not need a code, just go to your local nursery to check if they have any spaces. Or if you prefer, you can use with a daycare setting or childminder. For a list of Ofsted registered providers in Walsall please call 01922 653383

You can register your Babys birth at our Family Hubs!

More information about birth registrations, including how to book and what to bring, can be found on the council's website:

https://go.walsall.gov.uk/ births-marriages-and-deaths/ births/register-a-birth-.



Take a look at National Literacy Trust Sign up to there mailing list for Fun activities to help you chat, play & read with your child



Website: <u>Sign up to our newsletter</u> <u>Words for Life_or</u> Scan here

We are excited to let you know we now have clinical rooms in our Family Hubs so that you can attend health appointments right here in our Family Hubs!

There's plenty of exciting and free activities to do at our four Family Hubs across Walsall;

- Stay and play sessions (and a dad's stay and play!)
- Seasonal fun days
- Grandparents' coffee and chat
- Walsall Works drop-ins for careers advice & help
- Parent Carer panels
- Healthy eating and nutrition workshops
- Parenting workshops including first aid, online, antenatal
- Breastfeeding support groups / Introducing solid food workshops and lots more!

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Did you know we have a new counselling service for new and expectant parents and care givers?

Take a look at our new service launched in Walsallhttps://www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk/family-hubs/news/ latest-news/walsalls-new-counselling-service-new-andexpectant-parents#main_

For more information please contact any member of our CTS team on 01902826306 or 01902826308

Website: Walsall Family Hubs



Email: familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk



G Walsall Families in the Know



Walsall Family Hubs and Community Spokes

Walsall's four Family Hubs are based in the heart of our local communities. They provide a welcoming space, offering help and support for a range of children's services. This includes face-to-face support, a virtual offer and outreach services. The services and support are aimed at children aged 0-19 (0 to 24 for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities), their parents and carers.

We also have an additional 10 Community Spokes based in voluntary and community buildings across the borough. These offer a range of local community activities and services for families, children and young people.

Where are Family Hubs?

Family Hubs	
North Locality Family Hub	Address: 275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ Telephone: 01922 476698 Website: www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk Opening times: 9.00am – 5.00pm
South and Central Locality Family Hub	Address: Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8NF Telephone: 01922 646574 Website: www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk Opening times: 9.00am – 5.00pm
West Locality Family Hub	Address: Ilmington House, Crescent Road, Wednesbury, WS10 8AE Telephone: 01922 652959 Website: www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk Opening times: 9.00am – 5.00pm
East Locality Family Hub	Address: Silver Court, Walsall, WS8 6HA Telephone: 01922 658300 Website: www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk Opening times: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Our Community Spokes:			
Frank F Harrison CA	Address: Beechdale Centre, Stephenson Square, Bloxwich, Walsall WS2 7DY Telephone: 01922 746967 Website: ffhca.org.uk		
Moxley People Centre	Address: 3 Queen St, Moxley, Wednesbury WS10 8TA Telephone: 01902 496378 Website: moxleypeoplescentre.org.uk		
Manor Farm Community Association	Address: King George Crescent, Walsall WS4 1EU Telephone: 01922 614316 Website: manorfarmca.com		
Ryecroft Community Hub	Address: 28 New Forest Rd, Walsall WS3 1TR Telephone: 01922 626693 Website: sites.google.com/a/ryecroftnrc.org/hub3		
Willenhall CHART	Address: 19 Gomer St, Willenhall WV13 2NS Telephone: 01922 368199 Website: willenhallchart.co.uk		
Pelsall Community Association	Address: Station Road, Pelsall, Walsall WS3 4BQ Telephone: 01922 682156 Website: www.pelsallcommunitycentre.co.uk		
Darlaston All Active	Address: Darlaston Town Hall, Victoria Road, Darlaston, WS10 8AA Telephone: 0121 5686 144 Website: darlastonallactive.co.uk/contact-us		
Brownhills Community Association	Address: Chester Road North, Brownhills, WS8 7JS Telephone: 01543 452119 Website: www.brownhillsca.org.uk		
Nash Dom CIC	Address: Sun Street, Palfrey, Walsall WS1 4AL Telephone: 01922 616444 Website: nashdomcic.org		
The Mindkind Project	Address: 10 Proffitt Street, Walsall, WS2 8AZ Telephone: 07709 709403 Website: themindkindprojects.com		

West Activity Timetable for 0 – 5 years Serving; Willenhall North & Willenhall South, Bentley & Darlaston North, Darlaston South

January – March 2025

** Always contact groups before attending in case of any changes West Activity Timetable for 0 – 5 years Serving: Willenhall North & Willenhall South, Walsall Bentley & Darlaston North, Darlaston South. **Family Hubs** January - March 2025 Supporting families to live happier lives Key – Purple - funded by Walsall Family Hubs and located in Community spoke o West Family Ilmington House, Crescent Road, Wednesbury, WS10 8AE Black – Signed up to Walsall Family Hubs Directory Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday 9.15 - 11.15 Baby & Toddler 9.15 – 11.15 Baby & Toddler Group @ Register our baby's birth @ West Family Hub, WS108AE 10:00 Storytots @ Willenhall Library, 1 Walsall St, 09:00-12:00 Parent & 10:30- 12:00 World Book Group @ The Salvation Army, The The Salvation Army, The Leys, To book Register a birth | Walsall Council Willenhall WV13 2EX – Free, No booking required Toddler group @Church Day Stay & Play @ West Darlaston, WS10 8DP - 90p for adults / Leys, Darlaston, WS108DP - 90p on The Corner, 1 King Family Hub (Saturday 8th for adults / 70p children per 70p children per session. No booking 9.15 – 11.15 Baby & Toddler Group @ The Salvation Army. 09:30 - 14:30 Walsall Works drop in for families @ Charles Avenue, Bentley March) session, No booking required (0-4 required (0-4 yrs) The Levs, Darlaston, WS108DP - 90p for adults / 70p children West Family Hub WS2 0DL. No booking just come along, £1 per child yrs) per session, No booking required (0-4 yrs) 10:00- 12:00 Stay and Play 12.30 - 2.30 Tiny Tearaways Stay & 10:00- 11:00 First Words Together (0-2 @West for Dads @ West Family 09:30-11:00 first aid awareness Play @ Willenhall Chart Centre, Gomer 9.30-11.30 Frankie's Parents and Tots @ The Hive Family Hub, Ilmington House, Crescent Road, WS10 10:00 Baby Rhyme Time @ Hub workshop for families @ Street, Willenhall, WV13 2NS - £2 per Community Hub, The Square, Lichfield Road, New Invention, 8AE Willenhall Library, 1 (11th January and 8th Feb Darlaston All Active WS10 8JG to child, No booking required (0-5yrs) Willenhall, WV12 5EA- £1 per child, No booking required (0-3 Thursday 16th January (Each Thursday for 5 weeks) Walsall St, Willenhall 2025) hook email years) WV132EX. (0-18 familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk months) Free of charge. No 10:00- 11:30 Arts & Craft Stay & Play @West Family (Monday 3rd March 2025) 10:00 Storytime & Craft @ Willenhall Library, 1 Walsall St, Hub, Ilmington House, Crescent Road, WS10 8AE booking Willenhall WV13 2EX – Free, please call 01922 650771 to book 20th February - No booking just turn up 11:00 -12:00 your place. Peep stay and play for Dads 12:00- 2:00 Dads for Dads Peer Support Group @ @ West Family Hub . (13th 20th 09:00-12:00 Parent & Toddler group @Church on The West Family Hub (13th and 27th February No booking and 27th January 2025 Corner, 1 King Charles Avenue, Bentley WS2 0DL, No booking just come along, £1 per child 10:00-11:30 Parent Carer Panel Craft and Chat @ West Family Hub. Come along and take part in a 10:00 - 12:00 Hive Parent and Tots @ The Hive Community craft session for the adults, free refreshments. Hub. The Square, Lichfield Road, New Invention, WV12 5EA-Thursday 13th March, Email No booking familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk to book 10:00-11:00 PEEP Stay and Play @ Darlaston Library 12:30- 2:00pm Breastfeeding Peer support group @ 1 King St, Darlaston, Wednesbury WS10 8DE West Family Hub, (commencing 23rd Jan) No need to (Wednesdays, 12th, 19th, 26th March book just turn up

North Activity Timetable for 0 – 5 years Serving; Leamore, Blakenall, Bloxwich East & Bloxwich West

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Supporting families to live happier lives

Walsall

Family Hubs

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Triple P for Baby 09:30-	11.30 – 1:30 Toddler Splash &	09:30 – 2:30 Walsall Works drop in for	Register our baby's birth @ North Family Hub,	10:30 - 1.30 Splash and	2.30-3.30 Floats Fun
11:30am @ Busill Jones	Play @ Bloxwich Active	families @ North Family Hub, WS31HJ	WS3 1HJ	Play @ Bloxwich Active Living	session@Bloxwich Active Living Ce
Primary School, Ashley Road,	Living Centre, High St, Bloxwich, Walsall		To book Register a birth Walsall Council	Centre, High St, Bloxwich, Wals	ntre, High St, Bloxwich, Walsall
Bloxwich, WS3 2QF	WS3 2DA - £7 or 4.50 with a move it	10:00- 11:00 Look, say, sing , play (0 2 years)		all WS3 2DA - £7 or £4.40 with	WS3 2DA - £5 per person / Under 5
6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th January	card Call 01922652900 to book your place	@ North Family Hub, 275 Blakenall Lane, WS3	9.30-11:00 Chill & Chat Stay and Play @ North	a move it card	£3, Call 01922652900 to book
3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th February		1HJ. 15 th January (Each Wednesday for 6	Family Hub (Thursday 16 th January, Thursday 13 th	, Call 01922652900	
2025	1:00- 3:00 Introduction to Solid Foods	weeks) - Book by calling 01922 654589	February, Thursday 20 th March 2025)	to book your place	09:00-09:40 Age 2-3 & 09:40- 10:20
to book email:	Workshop				Age 3 – 5 yrs Kixx Football
Familyhubswellbeing@walsal	@ Frank F Harrison, WS3 7DY To book	10.00-11.30 Arts and Craft Stay and play	09:30- 11:00 St John's Methodist Church	10:00-11.30 St Peters Baby	Academy,
l.gov.uk	your place email	@North Family Hub, 275 Blakenall Lane,	Baby&Toddler Group @ St John's Methodist	and Toddler @ St Peters Parish	Bloxwich Active Living Centre, High
	<u>familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk</u> (14 th Jan)	Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ (Wednesday 19 th	Church, Victoria Avenue, Bloxwich – £2 per child, £1	Hall, Harrison Stret, Bloxwich,	St, Bloxwich, Walsall WS3 2DA
11:00-12:00 Peep Stay and		February)	per baby No booking, drop in. (0-4 yrs)	WS3 3LG - £2 per session ,	
play for Dads @ Goldsmith		11.30 – 1:30 Toddler Splash @ Bloxwich	09:45- 11:45 Starlight Multi Care and Sensory Stay	contact Ann to book your place on 07788910467	Chinese Stay and Play 10:30-12:00 @ North Family Hub. Booking
Primary School WS3 1DL 3 _{rd} , 10 _{th} and 17 _{th} February &	Do you know you can	Active Living Centre, High St, Bloxwich, WS3	and Play @ 25a Station Street, Walsall, WS2 9JZ, £4	011 07 788910487	welcome by calling the Family Hub
10_{th} 17_{th} and 17_{th} Pebruary & 10_{th} 10_{th} 17_{th} and 24_{th} March 2025	book out the sensory	2DA - £5.50 per adult and	per child, plus £2 for every extra child-	11:00 -12.30 Breast Feeding	on 01922 654589or simply join us
10_{th} 17_{th} and 24_{th} watch 2025	room at the North	child, Call 01922652900 to book your place	www.starlightmulticare.com	Peer Support Group - North	on the day. (Saturday 1 st February)
11.30 – 1:00 Toddler Splash	Family Hub?	child, call 01322032300 to book your place	www.stanighthutticare.com	Family Hub, Blakenall Lane,	on the day. (Saturday 1 Pebruary)
@ Bloxwich Active Living	r anny rao.	9.30-11.30 Frankie's Parents and Tots @	10:00-11:00 Baby Bounce – Free Soft Play (Term	WS3 1HJ. Weekly no booking	10:00- 12:00 Stay and Play for Dads
Centre, High St, Bloxwich,	Deals by colling 01022	Beechdale Lifelong Learning Centre,	Time Only)Parents aged 15–25 years old.	required, just turn up.	Ø North Family Hub (Saturday 4 th)
Walsall WS3 2DA - £5.50 per	Book by calling 01922	Stephenson Square, Walsall, WS2 7DY - £1 per	@ Hub 1, Palace Play, Shop, Eat, Blakenall Row		January & 1 st March 2025)
adult and child, Call	654589 or dropping in	child, No booking required (term time)	Bloxwich, WS3 1L: 07852559071	FREE first aid awareness	
01922652900 to book your	the centre , 275			workshop for families 09:30-	
place	Blakenall Lane,	1:00 - Little Storks (0-12 Months) @ Family	11.30 – 1:30 Toddler Splash @ Bloxwich	11:00 @ Frank F Harrison WS2	
	Blakenall, Walsall	Hub, 275 Blakenall Lane, Blakenall, Walsall	Active Living Centre, High St, Bloxwich, WS3 2DA -	7DY to book email	
09:45- 11:45 Starlight Multi	WS3 1HJ	WS3 1HJ- To book call 01922 423252	£5.50 per adult and child, Call 01922652900 to	familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk	
Care and Sensory Stay and			book your place	(Friday 7 th February 2025)	
Play @ 25a Station Street,		1:00- 2:30 Celebration Breastfeeding stay			
Walsall, WS2 9JZ, £4 per		and play in partnership with Family Hubs	12:00- 2:00 Dads for Dads Peep Support Group @		
child, plus £2 for every extra		Parent Panel @ North Family Hub (5 th	North Family Hub (16 th and 30 th January) No		
child-		February)	booking		
www.starlightmulticare.com					

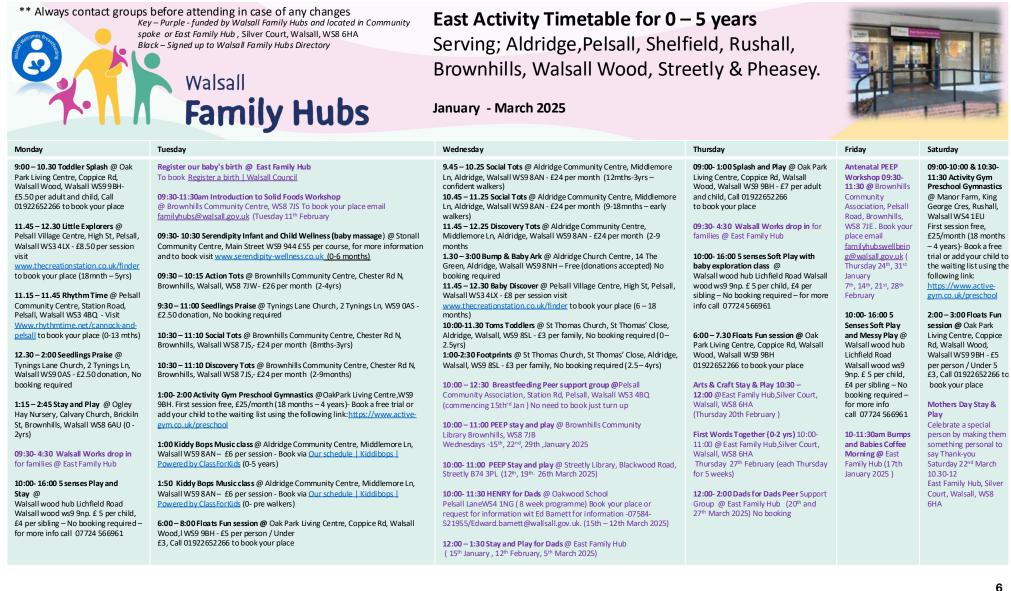
South and Central Activity Timetable for 0 – 5 years Serving Birchills, Palfrey, Pleck , Caldmore, Chuckery and Paddock & St Matthews

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 10:00- 11:30 Lets Talk Teenagers @Central & South Family Hub. No need to book just turn up (13th Jan) 12 – 1.30 Toddler Splash @ Walsall Gala Baths, Tower St, Walsall WS1 1DH - £5.50 per adult and child, Call 01922653150 to book your place 09:30-11:30 @ Frankie and Lolas, Matthew's, Frankie & Lola's The Mezzanine ASDA St, George St, Walsall WS1 IRS/<i>Includes</i> – 2 <i>hours session with a special activity, toast for the adult, toast for the child, juice, banana, yoghurt, and a hot drink for the adult. £4.</i> 09:45 –11:45 Stay and play, Starlight Multi Care and Sensory WS2 9JZ- £4 per child, plus £2 for every extra child. Can pay cash or card on entrance or book and pay online via www.starlightmulticare .co.uk/book-here/ 09:45 Kiddy Bops Music Class @ Orchard Pavilion, Walsall King George VI Avenue, Walsall. WS5 3AH- £6 per session - Book via <u>Our schedule</u> Kiddibops Powered by ClassForKids (0 – pre walkers) 10:40 Kiddibops SEND Music Support Class @ Orchard Pavilon, Walsall King George VI Avenue, Walsall. WS5 3AH- £7 per session - Book via <u>Our schedule</u> Kiddibops Powered by ClassForKids (2 – 4 yrs) 1:00-2:30 Baby Massage @ St Matthew's Church Centre, St Matthew's Close, Walsall WS1 3DG (5 Week course starting from 23th Jan. £30 t book call07984 626637 or at priscilla.meandmybaby@gmail.com 	 2 - 3 Toddler Splash @ Walsall Gala Baths, Tower St, Walsall WS1 1DH - £5.50 per adult and child, Call 01922653150 to book your place 09:30 - 14:30 Walsall Works drop in for families @ South & Central Family Hub 1:00 - 3:000pm Introduction to Solid Food Workshop @ Nash Dom CIC Sun Street WS1 4AL familyhub@walsall.gov.uk (Tuesday 11th March 2024(10:00 - 11:00 Don't slam that door @South & Central Family Hub (21st Jan and 25th February) 10:00 - 11:00 Lets Talk Relationship workshop @Central & South Family Hub (11 Feb and 11th march) 10:20 - 12:30 Breastfeeding Peer support group @South & Central Family Hub (commencing 25rd Jan) No need to book just turn up 	 09:30-11:30 @ Frankie and Lolas, Matthew's, Frankie & Lola's The Mezza nine ASDA St, George St, Walsall WS1 1RS Includes – 2 hours session with a special activity, toast for the adult, toast for the child, juice, banana, yoghurt, and a hot drink for the adult. £4. 10:00-11:00 Caterpillar Club @Lichfield Street Hub Library Lichfield Street WS1 1TR (Term Time Only) to 18 months Free for first session then £1 PEEP, Play, Singing, Stories, Crafts No booking required 10:00-11:30 Arts & Craft Stay & Play @ South Family Hub, Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8NG (Wednes day 19th February) 10:00 - 11:00 Look, Say, Sing, Play @ South and Central Family Hub, Birchills Street, Wednesday 26th February (Each Wednesday 19th February, 19th March 2025) 09:00-10:30 - Tune In And Work Together @ Central & South Family Fub (Sth March) 	 12:00 - 1.30 Toddler Splash @ Walsall Gala Baths, Tower St, Walsall WS1 1DH - £5:50 per a dult and child, Call 01922653150 to book your place 9.30 - 11 Stay and Play 0-Syrs @ St Matthew's Church Centre, St Matthew's Close, Walsall WS1 3DG - £2 per child – No booking required 09:45 - 11:45 Stay and play, Starlight Multi Care and Sensory WS2 9IZ- £4 per child, plus £2 for every extra child. Can pay cash or card on entrance or book and pay online via www.starlightmulticare.co.uk/book- here/ 12:30-2:00 Sensory play for babies 0- 12mnths @ St Matthew's Church Centre, St Matthew's Close, Walsall WS1 3DG - £2 per session - Contact Priscilla on 07984 626637 to book your place 10:30 - 12:00 Caldmore Tots 0-5 yrs @ Caldmore Community Garden, 12 Carless Street, Walsall, WS1 3RH – No booking required 	 12:00-1:00pm Toddler Splash @ Walsall Gala Baths, Tower St, Walsall WS1 1DH - £5:90 per adult and child, Call 01922653150 to book your place 1:00 Nature Makers @Walsall Arboretum, Broadway N, Walsall WS1 2QB. Visit <u>https://www.nature-makers.co.uk/walsall-and-sandwell</u> to book your place. 10-11:30Tiny Tots @ Lichfield Street Hub Library, Lichfield Street WS1 1TR (Term Time Only) 18months - 3 years Free for first session then £1:50 Play, Singing, Stories, Crafts Book call 01922 653121 	 11:00-1:00pm - Cubs Playgroup for children ag 0 to 5 @Nashdom,Sun Street, Walsall, WS14AL Group every 2 weeks, free session . To book c 01922616444 11:00-1:00 Play and Stay session for Ukrainian children @Nashdom,Sun Street, Walsall, WS14 Group every 2 weeks, free session . To book c 01922616444 09:00 - 10.30am Performing Arts for 3-6 Yrs @ Breakout Performing Arts, Blue Coat Church of England Academy, Birmingham Street, WS1 2N Visit https://www.breakoutschool.co.uk/ to bc your place 10.45am - 12.15pm Performing Arts for 3-6 Yrs @Breakout Performing Arts, Blue Coat Church England Academy, Birmingham Street, WS1 2N Visit https://www.breakoutschool.co.uk/ to bc your FREE trial. 09:30-10:30 Walsall FC Saturday Club @ Poundland Bescot WS1 45A. £20 for 5 weeks. email courtney.haynes@walsallfc.co.uk 11:00 -2:00pm Caldmore Community Garden 14 years 12 Carless Street, Walsall WS1 3RH, to book visit http://inyurl.com/gardensaturdays All About Me Stay & Play 10:30-12 @South Family Hub, Birchills Street, (Saturday 18th January)

East Activity Timetable for 0 – 5 years Serving; Aldridge, Pelsall, Shelfield, Rushall, Brownhills, Walsall Wood, Streetly & Pheasey.

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Services and support available to you & your family

Take a look at the support and services that are available to you in Walsall;

Walsall Family Hubs: Take a look at our website to look at exciting and free activities to do and enjoy this autumn at our four Family Hubs across Walsall;



- Stay and play sessions (and a dad's stay and play!)
- Seasonal fun days
- Grandparents' coffee and chat
- Walsall Works drop-ins for careers advice and help
- Parent Carer panels
- Healthy eating and nutrition workshops
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- Breastfeeding support groups/Introducing solid food workshops...And lots more!

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Supporting your Child's Learning and Development at Home:



This booklet offer families information

and advice about supporting your child's development and learning at home. This booklet includes all you need to know about the support available in Walsall throughout your pregnancy and up until your child is 5 years old. The activities included are aimed to be accessible and low cost, using resources that you may already have at home.

Are you looking for childcare in Walsall?

Childcare is expanding for dual working parents on an average income, please visit www.childcarechoices. gov.uk to check if you are eligible for the new Working Parents Entitlements and to make an application.

If you have a child under 5 years old please visit https://www.mywalsall.org/fis to check if you are eligible To discuss your Walsall childcare options call Family Information Service on 01922 653383

Best start for life booklet:

Our best start for life booklet has been co-produced with key partners such as health, police and partnerships to guide parents through the antenatal journey through to school age. The book contains key milestones, information vaccinations, safety tips and safe sleeping though to your feeding and weaning journey.





Walsall Best Start for Life

A booklet for you and your baby



ebsite: Walsall Family Hubs Email: Familyhubs

Walsall Families in the Know

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Testimonials from our Look, Say, Sing, Play sessions There is a 7 year age gap

between my child and next sibling. You forget what to do at a young age so this really helped me to know what to offer at home and encourage his interests.

AREYOU A NEW PARENT? DO YOU KNOW WHAT FREE SUPPORT

IS AVAILABLE IN WALSALL?



FAMILY WELLBEING CHAMPIONS

Our Family Wellbeing Champions support new and expectant parents through one-one support and group activity. We focus on promoting good overall emotional wellbeing as well as helping with developing positive parent/child relationships.

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT



PEEP PLAY AND **STORYTIME FUN**

Bring your baby along to our fun story time Stay and Play sessions where you can meet



PEEP ANTENATAL WORKSHOPS

new parents to tune in to baby's feelings, manage their own feelings and understand how to

PARENT PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

Join our Mindkind Project peer support group and chat with fellow parents and care givers. Babies and Toddlers welcome.

To find out more, email: mindkindofficegroup@walsall.gov.uk

Scan this QR code to find

services to support your

out more about local

mental wellbeing:

SECURE BEGINNINGS COUNSELLING

FREE counselling and therapy sessions for new and expectant parents.

Emotional support with your new born and up to two years

Build your confidence and self esteem

To find out more, email: cts@murrayhall.co.uk Call: 01902 826306

To find out more, email: familyhubswellbeing@walsall.gov.uk



Would you like to take part in a programme that focuses on a positive start to parenthood?

You will learn about strategies to develop a positive relationship with your baby, promote your baby's development and help teach them new skills and behaviours.

Scan here to find out more about your local family hubs and what they offer. walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk



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PARENT & TODDLER STAY AND PLAY

Mindkind Project Stay and Plays offer a space to have fun with the little ones and enjoy some chat time with fellow parents and guardians.



What to expect from your Health Visiting Service



28 Week Antenatal Contact

An email invitation will be sent to you for our Postnatal Preparation Group sessions.

This will be your chance to meet a Practitioner from our Health Visiting Service. During the session, you will get practical support and advice regarding pregnancy and your upcoming birth. This will give you time to explore your own emotional health and wellbeing, along with your transition to parenthood.

New Birth Visit

This is completed in your home 8-14 days after your baby is born.

One of our Health Visitors will visit your home and discuss your baby's growth and feeding, plus much more. They can offer advice and support you with any concerns you may have. This will give you time to explore your own emotional health and wellbeing, along with your transition to parenthood.

6-8 Week Contact

This is usually a clinic appointment letter sent after your baby is born and in addition to your 6 week postnatal with your GP.

One of our Practitioners will see you in a clinic setting and discuss your baby's growth and development, plus much more. They can offer you advice and support you with any concerns you may have.

9-12 Month Developmental Review

This is usually a clinic appointment letter sent when your child is 8-12 months old.

One of our Practitioners will see you in a clinic setting and discuss your child's growth and development, plus much more. They can offer you advice and support you with any concerns you may have.

24-30 Month Developmental Review

This is usually a clinic appointment letter sent when your child is 23-30 months old.

One of our Practitioners will see you in a clinic setting and discuss your child's growth and development, plus much more. They can offer you advice and support you with any concerns you may have.

It is very important you attend these appointments with your child. It is a time for you to speak with a professional, get advice and support and check that your little one's milestones are being met.

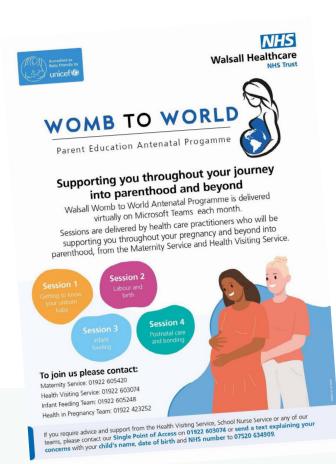
If you do not receive an appointment for any of these, or you need any support or advice regarding your child, please contact our Single Point of Access on 01922 603074 or send a text explaining your concerns with your child's name, date of birth and NHS number to 07520 634909.

Health in Pregnancy Service (HiPS) – Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust

The Health in Pregnancy Service are here to support your family during pregnancy and beyond. We are part of the 0-19 service and aim to bridge the gap between Maternity and Health Visiting Services, supporting families with individual health needs during the antenatal and postnatal period. Our team is made up of Practitioners who are registered Nurses and Midwives and Assistant Practitioners, all with qualifications and experience in public health.

They offer support and practical advice with:

- Infant Feeding
- Smoking Cessation
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Emotional Wellbeing
- Antenatal Education
- Contraception
- Transition to Parenthood/ Fatherhood
 advice and support
- Safe Sleep
- Immunisations
- Help with Equipment and Food
- Health Assessment and Promotion





Health Visiting Service Walk in Walsall Arboretum with our Health in Pregnancy Team

Are you pregnant or have recently had a baby? Join us for a walk in the park.

Staying active during your pregnancy and after the birth of your baby is really important for physical and mental health. Come along and erijoy a fun, social environment whilst improving your health and fitness. All you need is sensible shoes, appropriate weather wear and a full water bottle. We still meet if there is a light drizzle, however, if weather conditions are heavy rain, ice or snow, the walk will not go ahead.





If you require advice and support from the Health Visiting Service, School Nurse Service or any of our teams, please contact our Single Point of Access on 01922 603074 or send a text explaining your concerns with your childrs name, date of birth and NHS number to 07520 634099.

They will be in touch to arrange an antenatal contact when you are between 28 and 32 weeks of pregnancy. This will take place on either an individual basis or you may be invited to one of our Postnatal Preparation Groups. We also run the Little Storks Baby group aimed at families with babies under 1 and the Buggy Walk group at Walsall Arboretum.

Please get in touch on 01922 423 252 (Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm) for further information regarding the Health in Pregnancy Team or our single point of access number is 01922 603074 if you wish to speak to a Health Visitor.

ChatHealth

ChatHealth is a confidential, secure text-messaging service run by Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust for parents of children aged 0-5 years. The service operates from Monday to Friday, 9.00am-4.00pm, excluding Bank Holidays. All text messages are responded to by a practitioner from the hcp0-19 service within 24 hours during office hours.

Text: 07520 634909 Website: www.healthforunder5s. co.uk/walsall/services/specialist-support/text-a-health-visitor/

Did you know there are online antenatal Classes?

Supporting you throughout your journey into parenthood and beyond!

Feeding your baby

Family Hubs are working towards becoming UNICEF Baby Friendly. We will continue to work with Walsall Infant Feeding Team to support families with their feeding journey in Walsall.

We are excited to launch NEW Breastfeeding Peer Support groups

Tuesday @ South and Central Family Hub, 10.30- 12.30pm

Wednesday @ Pelsall Community Association, Station Rd, Pelsall, Walsall WS3 4BQ 10-12.30pm

Thursday @ West Family Hub, 12.30 -2pm

North Family Hub, Blakenall on a Friday from 11:00 - 12:30

No need to book just turn up.

To keep up to date visit https://www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk/0-2/feeding-your-baby#main

For more advice and support families can contact the Infant feeding team for on 01922 605248 or 07794 117247 (Monday-Friday between 9am and 5pm) You can also follow Walsall Welcomes Breastfeeding on Facebook and Instagram.

Introducing Solid Foods to your baby

We would like to invite families to come along to our workshop to learn about introducing solid foods to your baby.

See dates and venues below; booking is required please email familyhubs@ walsall.gov.uk with your name, childs date of birth and contact details.

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 11 January	1:00- 3:00pm	Frank F Harrison, Beechdale centre WS2 7DY
Tuesday 11 February	09:30- 11:30am	Brownhills Community Centre, WS8 7JS
Tuesday 11 March	1:00-3:00pm	Nash Dom CIC, Sun Street WS1 4AL

Useful videos and websites:

https://vimeo. com/794595496/30ecc7faee

Introducing solid foods (unicef.org.uk)

Childhood wellbeing & common illnesses - Children aged 0 - 5 (walsallhealthychild.co.uk)

Healthy Start

Are you pregnant or have children under the age of four? You could qualify for the Healthy Start scheme to help you buy food, milk and get free Healthy Start vitamins. Find out if you're eligible here:

https://www.healthystart.nhs. uk/how-to-apply/

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Apply online at www.healthystart.nhs.uk

Get help to buy food and milk with

the NHS Healthy Start Scheme



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Register your child's Birth

Did You know you can now register your child's birth at Walsall Civic Centre or at our Family Hubs.

You must register the birth of your baby:

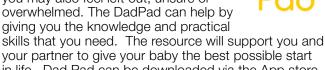
- within 42 days of birth
- in the registration district where your baby was born

To register a birth in Walsall Borough, book an appointment online - Register a birth | Walsall Council



Dad Pad

As a new dad you will feel excited, but you may also feel left out, unsure or overwhelmed. The DadPad can help by giving you the knowledge and practical



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your partner to give your baby the best possible start in life. Dad Pad can be downloaded via the App store or google play. It's the essential guide for new dads, developed with the NHS.

Parenting Support



We have lots of parenting information available on for families on our website take a look at Parenting support | Walsall Council

There are also lots of free courses available to all parents, carers, grandparents. No child is born with a handbook, sometimes as parents, we want to know if there is more, we can do to understand our pregnancy, baby, child or teenager. If you are a Walsall resident, check out our free, online parenting support courses. Visit https://inourplace.co.uk and use the Access code HIPPO.

Citizens' Advice

Citizens' Advice offer free, confidential, independent and impartial advice on a range of topics, including benefits and legal issues. As well as their telephone helplines (see below), they also offer face-to-face meetings at their local offices: https://citizensadvicesandwell-walsall.org/ local-offices/ and via their mobile advice unit service: https://citizensadvicesandwell-walsall.org/get-help/ mobile-advice-unit/.

Telephone: Advice Line: 0808 278 7812 Debt Helpline: 0800 240 4420 Website: https://citizensadvicesandwellwalsall.org/

Early Help

Visit the website for information on Walsall Council's Early Help resources to support children and families who may need extra help with a whole range of individual, social, health and educational concerns. Support is provided to the whole family, to ensure the right help at the right time is available.

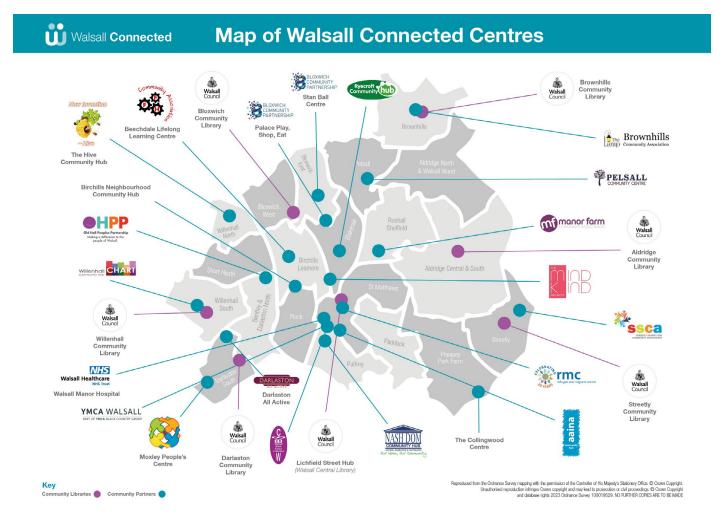
Website: https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-youngpeople/early-help



Need Help accessing Walsall council services?

Walsall Connected offers in person digital upskilling, general advice and signposting to ensure residents can get the help they need at a local community partner or library.

For support accessing council services online, visit one of our Walsall Connected centres - <u>Walsall Connected - get help</u> to get online | <u>Walsall Council</u>



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Did you know Walsall Family Hubs has a Parent Carer Panel?

Are you expecting or do you have a child aged 0-5?

We are looking for new members to join our Parent Carer Panel to have your say on the services available to families in Walsall. You can share your views through face to face meetings, virtual meetings, family fun sessions, online surveys and our facebook page.

In return for your support we can offer you training opportunities, volunteering opportunities, free family fun sessions among other incentives. We can also support with transport, translation services and childcare whilst you attend the face to face forums.

If you would like to find out more about how you can get involved visit Parent Carer Panels for further information and details on how to sign up.







Testimonials from our Look, Say, Sing, Play sessions

I never used to sing or read much to my child before. Now I understand the importance I push myself to do this with him more regular. He really enjoys it. Scan here to register your – interest



Activities to do at home with your children

Take a look at our activities that will enable you to create low-cost fun crafts for the whole family at home.



Valentines Day Craft Activity 2

What you need:

Empty Bottle.

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White Rice, Red Rice, Pink Rice.

Candy Hearts.

Red tape.



Instructions

- empty bottle
- fill with pink rice, sprinkle in candy hearts randomly
 - How to make Pink Rice: Place white rice in a baggie with some pink liquid watercolor and shake, shake, shake! Lay flat to dry on wax paper or a pan.
- · leave about 1/2 inch space at the top so there is room to shake
- · hot glue or superglue the lid closed
- cover the top with pink tape

March 2025

Mother's day Activity

Create a homemade necklace to give to a loved one to celebrate Mother's day this year.



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What you will need:

- Paint (any colour of your choice)
- Paint brush
- Penne pasta
- String (any colour of your choice)

How to create your necklace in 4 simple steps:

- 1. Gather all the materials needed for this activity
- 2. Paint your pasta with any colour of your choice
- Wait for your paint to dry and then thread the string through the pasta
- Tie your string and it is now ready to give to your loved one.



March 2025

Saint Patrick's Day Activity

Potato stamp Rainbow.

What you need: 1 Potato. Paper plate/tray. Paint – Rainbow colours = Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet.

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Wash the potato & dry it. Use a tray or paper plate to pour each colour of the rainbow on. Cut the potato into whatever shape you would like. Have a piece of white paper. Use your potato shape to print a rainbow.







March 2025

Saint Patrick's Day Activity

Pepper Printing.

What you need:

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A Pepper.

White paper.

Green Paint.

A tray.



Instructions.

Cut the top of the pepper.

Put some paint onto a tray.

Dip the pepper into the paint.

Press the pepper onto the paper.

You could even taste the left over pieces of pepper!

Holi Festival of Colours Activity

Sensory bag of colours activity in 4 easy stages...

You will need: A Food Bag A Variety of Paint



Step 1: Lay out your food bag and the paint of your choice.



Step 2: Squeeze your paint in any order you want into the food bag.



Step 3: Use your finger to mix all the paint around in the food bag.



Step 4: Have fun and see how many different colours and patterns you can make!

LOAD THEM UP...

Better Health for Life

90% of brain growth happens before the age of five. What you do together can make a huge difference.

Search Start for Life for tips and advice, and information on your local Family Hub.



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