



Registering at your local Children's Centre.

What to do and what happens with
your personal information.

What are Sure Start Children's Centres?

Sure Start Children's Centres are part of the Government's strategy to provide good quality integrated services to children and their families, in order to give every child the best possible start in life, and have a broad and lasting impact on children, their parents and the wider community.

Sure Start Children's Centres are being developed across Bedfordshire with the aim of bringing together local people and different services in new ways. As part of this ongoing development services and activities will be enhanced to meet the needs of the children and their families so that all children will benefit and reach their potential to:

- Be Healthy
- Stay Safe
- Enjoy and Achieve
- Make a Positive Contribution
- Achieve Economic Well Being

Why we are inviting you to register with your local Children's Centre

As part of the Children's Centres programme, each Centre needs to make contact with all the children and families in the area to ensure that the local Children's Centre:

- Offers the best information, support and services that are appropriate for each individual family.
- Ensures that every family in the area has the choice to be involved in all aspects of the Children's Centre.
- Advises our partner services, where appropriate, of assistance a family requires.
- Ensures that the Children's Centre team is working well together and to ensure that each family is offered the best service possible.
- Is able to provide evidence that the work being carried out through the Children's Centre services has made a difference to children and their families.

Before we can record this information, we need to have your permission to use the information you give us in order to achieve these points.

What is in it for you?

By registering with your local Children's Centre you can help to shape the services provided to meet the needs of local children and their families.

Once you have registered with your local Children's Centre you will automatically be sent information about what is going on in the area for families with young children.

By joining in with the activities on offer, you and your children can have fun, meet new people and learn together.

If things get a bit tough and you need support, your local Children's Centre will try to help you to obtain the services you need, as quickly as possible.

What we do with the information

Once you have completed the registration process, we will use the information provided to:

- Keep you updated with information about your local Children's Centre.
- Provide you with general information about services for children and their families.

- Inform you of specific events in your local Children's Centre area.
- Ask for your opinion about general and specific family services.

In addition we will also use some of the information provided in the registration form to make sure that we are:

- Providing and developing the right services for children and their families in your local area.
- Monitoring and evaluating what your local Children's Centre is doing.
- Meeting our targets through statistical reporting.
- Spending money wisely.

What you can expect from us?

As a registered member of a local Children's Centre we will:

- Treat any information you give us with respect and confidentiality.
- Ensure that our information systems are secure.
- Ensure that you can ask to see the information you have provided is recorded accurately.

Finding out more

If you would like further copies, a large-print copy or information about us and our services, please telephone or write to us at our address below.

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**Informed Consent Leaflet -
Supplement to Registration Form**

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