

New Children's Centre in the Sopwell & Verulam Areas

Do you have children under 5? Do you live in the Sopwell & Verulam areas of St Albans?

Sopwell & Verulam Children's Centre is now open. Children's Centres bring together early education, childcare, health and family support services so that families get easy access to the services they require.

We would like your views on the services you currently use and any additional services you would like to see available. It is important that we continue planning for the future, to ensure that the local communities' needs are informing the work of the Children's Centre.



Please complete the following 2 questions. This should take no more than 2 minutes, and your responses will be anonymous.

1. The following services for families with children aged 0-4 currently exist in the Sopwell & Verulam areas. **Please tick the boxes to indicate whether you use the existing services.**

| | Weekly | Once a Month | Occasionally | Never |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Toddler Groups</u> | | | | |
| Mandeville Minis Parent & Toddler Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Positive Beginnings at Mandeville School | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Salaam Parent & Toddler Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Salvation Army Parent & Toddler Group & Baby Song | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| St Stephens Parent & Toddler Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tots & Teddies at St Julians | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Pre-school/Playgroups</u> | | | | |
| Children 1 st + Wraparound Care | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dream Catchers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Old London Road Pre School + Wraparound Care | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Day Care /Nurseries</u> | | | | |
| Busy Bees Day Nursery | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Abbey View Nursery & Pre School | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Toddlers in Nursery School | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Childminder or Childminder Group</u> | | | | |
| Please specify name of provider used: | | | | |
| <u>Other Services</u> | | | | |
| Family Support and Parenting (please specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Toy Library at St Julian's Church | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mandeville Health Clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other Clinics or Health Services (please specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

..... **Please go to question 2**

2. Proposed new services for Sopwell & Verulam Children's Centre

Below is a possible range of additional local services for children under 5 and their families that you may feel your family would benefit from. Using the boxes below, please rate in order of preference the three services that would be the most useful additional services to you.

1 = most useful service 2 = second most useful service 3 = third most useful service

- Resource centre** – offering advice and information about services for children under 5
- Toy library service** – for weekly loan of toys
- Additional pre-school places**
- Additional childminder places**
- Additional childcare places / wraparound care (other than childminding services)** – for children 0-4 years
- Drop in Play sessions** - for parents/carers and children to spend time playing together and with other children and families, meeting new peers and learning new skills
- Local access to health information, clinics, antenatal & baby clinics, and Health Visitor support**
- Parenting support classes** for both parents and carers **and other family support services** (please specify below)
- Employment advice, training opportunities, and adult learning classes** for parents and carers
- Crèche to support adult learning and parenting classes / mobile crèche service**
- Outreach support services in your own home**

Are there any other health, childcare or family support services which would support you and your child/ren under 5, that you would like to see available in the Sopwell & Verulam area? If there are, please list them below:

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- 2a. Do you live in the Sopwell & Verulam area? Yes No
If you do not know this, what is your street name or post code?
- 2b. Please list the age/s of your child/ren:.....
3. Do you have a suggestion for the name of this Children's Centre?

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please return it as soon as possible to:
Pippa West, Children's Centre Manager, Sopwell & Verulam Children's Centre, Mandeville Drive, St
Albans, Herts, AL1 2LE**



If you have any questions about the above survey, or you would like to speak to the Sopwell & Verulam Children's Centre Manager, please call 01727 774090.

