



SureStart Children's Centres across Wiltshire and the UK

Devizes Community Children's Centre is part of the Government's aim to have a network of Children's Centres across the country in every community.

There will be Children's Centres right across Wiltshire, all working closely together, sharing ideas and taking support and direction from Wiltshire County Council's strategic Children's Centre team.

Devizes Children's Centre is working in partnership with other SureStart Children's Centres such as the ones run by Rural Needs Initiative at Marlborough and Tidworth, and by Voluntary Action Kennet at Pewsey.

The members of staff at Southbroom School are passionate about providing children with the best start in life. They are fully committed to the Children's Centre, recognising the contribution the Centre will make to all families with young children in the Devizes area. The Children's Centre will add to the already-significant support the school provides to families and children under 7.

Southbroom Infants' School Devizes pre-school in partnership with SureStart and Wiltshire County Council.



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For all families
with children
under 5 in
Devizes and
surrounding
villages.



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Opening times are in school hours during term time. For other opening times, contact us or visit our website.

www.devizeschildrenscentre.org.uk



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We all want our children to be happy and healthy, and achieve great things in life, but it's hard sometimes, especially if you haven't got support, or you're struggling to pay bills, you're on your own, or you're experiencing health concerns.

That's where Devizes Community Children's Centre can help.

What is a Children's Centre?

The main purpose of a Children's Centre is to improve outcomes for young children, and to ensure that every child gets the best start in life. The Centre will be a base from which to deliver a variety of activities, supporting parents and giving them more choice in how to balance work and family life.

What actually happens at a Children's Centre?

In Devizes we aim to be as creative as possible when delivering services to complement existing local provision. We want to work closely with parents and agencies to provide;

- links to child and family health services
- childminder link up scheme
- family support and outreach activities
- family learning events
- links with Jobcentre Plus, job opportunities and training
- signposting to other services in the area.

Do I need an appointment?

It depends on which activities you want to get involved in, but generally you don't need an appointment – we're a drop-in centre so you can pop in when we're open and find out about our services. If you're making a special journey, make sure you contact the Centre in advance to let us know you are coming.

Can I bring the children?

Of course – that's what we're all about. There are toys and books for your children to play with, so you can relax while talking to a member of staff.

Where is the Children's Centre?

The Children's Centre is at Southbroom Infants' School near The Green. Full contact details for your Centre are on the front of this leaflet. We'll also be delivering other Children's Centre activities in other venues – call us for information or have a look on the website.

I haven't got transport so can't get to the Centre

We may be able to come to you through outreach activities or home visiting. We may also be able to make arrangements to help you get to and from the Children's Centre.

What if you don't have information that I need?

Then we'll help find it for you, and contact you as necessary.

We need your help

Please tell us what you think about your Children's Centre, and what else you would like us to provide.

Call us on 01380 738691 for opening times or check the website at www.devizeschildrenscentre.org.uk

Devizes Community Children's Centre – giving every child the best start in life

You might like to visit a Children's Centre if...

• you need information

- find out about local organisations, services, support or advice.

• you and your child feel isolated

- come and meet other parents and their children.

• you're concerned about your child

- we can arrange for you to talk to the right person about your child.

• you lack confidence

- you need support in the difficult job of parenting.

• you're new to the area & feel lonely

- make friends and find out what's going on locally.

• you're a new mum & need some support

- meet with other mums and share your experiences

• you're working parents trying to balance family and work

- we will have a variety of activities at different times to suit work commitments.

• you're a single parent & could do with a helping hand

- drop in if you want a chat, or relax over a coffee while your child plays.

• you want to get back to work but don't know where to start

- find out about local job, volunteering and retraining opportunities.

Call in for information, advice and support.