



Early Years Offer

Description

Fleetville Community Playgroup is a not-for-profit playgroup registered by Ofsted which meets at Fleetville Community Centre in St Albans on Monday to Thursday from 8:45 am to 2:50 pm. The morning session is 8.45 to 11.45 am. Our lunch club runs from 11.50 am to 1 pm. Afternoons are from 11.50 am to 2.50 pm. We can take up to 24 children aged from 2 ¼ years.

Our emphasis is on children learning through play in a happy, stimulating atmosphere. We provide a safe, caring and inspiring setting where pre-school children can learn and grow. We provide a broad range of challenging and fun play activities, both indoors and outdoors, that promote children's overall development. We work in partnership with parents and welcome families of all backgrounds. We work closely with the local community and participate fully in Fleetville's life.

A committee of parents helps the staff to run the playgroup and organises fundraising events to buy new toys and equipment. The playgroup was established in 1982 and since January 2006 has been registered as a charitable trust.

Service Details

Locations:	Fleetville Community Centre, Royal Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 4LQ
Organisation:	Fleetville Community Playgroup Committee
Service Type: Childcare provider	http://www.fleetvillecommunityplaygroup.org.uk

Provider details

Ofsted Unique Number:	EY316171
Free Early Education and other schemes:	2 year olds 3/4 year olds 30 hours free childcare Tax-Free childcare Childcare Vouchers
District:	St Albans
Childcare periods:	6 hours per day School term only
Childcare age:	0-5 years
Main service type:	Pre-school playgroup
Ofsted Inspection report:	https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/EY316171



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SEND

Accessibility arrangements

The playgroup environment is very accessible and meets current disability regulations. There are no stairs in our building and we have ramp access. Our toys and equipment are varied for a child's individual needs. Our garden is split level and we have grassed and concrete areas. We have a disabled toilet with wheelchair access, which is shared with the Community Centre.

How does your service cater for children and families with SEND:

Debbie and Georgina have many years' experience in the role and have worked with children with a wide range of needs. Both staff have up to date training and have access to information and specialist help if needed. We have good links with our local Family Centre and we work with a wide range of agencies such as advisory teachers, autism advisory teachers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, educational psychologists, speech and language therapists, health visitors and GPs. We also have a strong relationship with all the other local feeder schools, especially Fleetville Nursery and Infant School, and this will make transition to a new setting much smoother for your child.

How will staff support my child's needs:

We have two members of staff, Debbie Stallan and Georgina Hargreaves, who are specialist SENCOs, and have a wide range of experience supporting children with different needs. Your child's key person will develop a strong bond with your child and we will work with you to ensure your child is happy and settled at playgroup. Your SENCO will work to ensure that you are closely involved at all stages and will also liaise with a wide range of professionals including Julie Carroll who is our IDO (Inclusive Development Officer) from the local authority who helps identify your child's additional needs.

Staff Training experience:

All staff have a lot of experience working with children with special needs. We have staff trained in Makaton sign language and use visual timetables daily. Our SENCOs have many years' experience supporting children with a wide range of needs and have access to information, training and professional advice.

Inspections (Early Years Register) Good

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