

# SPELL

## Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

We hope everyone had a good Christmas break. SPELL have got a busy few months ahead with our new training programme being released, introducing a couple of new play activities and working with the playgroups and nurseries for the introduction of the 1140 free childcare hours in August. We will also be running blocks of our outdoor toddler group Little Hedgehogs in Rutherglen and East Kilbride. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page @SPELLSouthLanarkshire and our website [www.spell-lanarkshire.com](http://www.spell-lanarkshire.com) for details on all of the above.

### Change to Admission Policy for Early Learning and Childcare

South Lanarkshire Council Early Learning and Childcare are advising all parents and carers that applications for all local authority and partner provider nurseries for the August 2020 intake must be submitted no later than **28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. This closing date is earlier than in previous years.

Parents will be advised of the outcome by the end of May 2020.

Please share this information with parents and carers at your groups and nurseries.

### SLC Early Learning Twitter Account

South Lanarkshire Council's Early Learning Team have launched a twitter account @SLCEarlyLearn. Please follow for regular announcements and updates.

### Training Programme

SPELL's training programme is free and open to all parents; and childcare staff and volunteers who work within the pre-5 voluntary sector in South Lanarkshire. To book a place on any of our courses please phone the Wendy on 01698 768944 or email [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com).

Full details with times and address of these courses can be found on our website at [www.spell-lanarkshire.com](http://www.spell-lanarkshire.com)

Elementary Food Hygiene	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30am - 4.30pm	East Kilbride
Makaton	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am - 11.30am	Hamilton
Paediatric First Aid	Thursdays 14 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> May (2 day course) 9.30am - 3.30pm	East Kilbride
Emergency First Aid for Parents & Carers	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 10am - 1pm	East Kilbride
Emergency First Aid for Parents & Carers	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 10am - 1pm	Rutherglen

## Baby Disco

Following on from the success of last years' baby disco, Universal Connections at The Key in East Kilbride are hosting another baby disco on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Details on how to book your spaces will be announced on their Facebook Page

[@universalconnectionsatthekey](https://www.facebook.com/universalconnectionsatthekey)

## Advertising your Groups

SPELL are able to help advertise your groups by producing flyers and posters. If you would like us to do this, please speak to your Support Worker or email us at

[spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com)

If your group has a large waiting list we would be grateful if you put parents and carers in touch with us so we can let them know about other groups in their area. Where possible we would like to help everyone find a suitable group so that the children and parents don't miss out on this experience.

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## Contact Details

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## Group News

Coalburn Toddlers have moved venue. They now meet at One Stop Shop, Miners Welfare, 42 Coalburn Road, Coalburn ML11 0LH on a Thursday from 9.30am - 11.30am

## Incubation Periods

This time of year is terrible for germs being passed around baby and toddler groups and nurseries. The link below is the recommended incubation and exclusion periods should a child (or parent/carer if attending the group too) be ill. The information can also be found on our website and facebook page.

## Incubation and Exclusion Periods.

## Little Hedgehogs

SPELL will be running another block of our Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group in February and March this year in Rutherglen. If you would like further information or a booking form, please email [littlehedgehogs.spell@gmail.com](mailto:littlehedgehogs.spell@gmail.com).

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

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Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group

Fernbrae Meadows, Rutherglen

Mondays

17<sup>th</sup> February, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March & 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

10am - 11.30am or 12.45pm - 2.15pm



4 sessions for £10 per family

For more information and booking please contact SPELL

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