



September 2021

SPELL

Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

Newsletter

We are so excited to see so many baby and toddler groups and playgroups across South Lanarkshire open or planning to reopen again. We have missed you 😊

We are receiving a lot of enquiries from parents and carers about baby and toddler groups and playgroups in their areas. Our SPELL Support Workers, Katie, Michelle and Lorna are making contact with all of their groups to find out details of opening times, number of children and adults attending, waiting lists and contact details. We hope to publish details of the groups on our Facebook Page [@SPELLSouthLanarkshire](#) and our website www.spell-lanarkshire.com very soon.

For the time being our Support Workers will be visiting groups by appointment only. If you would like to arrange a visit, please email or call your Support Worker direct. Your Support Worker will also be able to offer you help and guidance in reopening if you are struggling at all.

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Useful Links for Groups and Families of Children Aged 0-5

[National Infection Prevention and Control Manual: Childrens pack \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#) - Children's pack on handwashing with resources including posters.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Test and Protect - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) - Latest Government information on isolating.

[HPS Website - Home \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#) - Public Health Scotland provides up-to-date information regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.

www.careinspectorate.com/index.php/covid-19/covid-19-faq Care Inspectorate FAQ - for Playgroups and Nurseries registered with the Care Inspectorate.

[Parent Club - For Baby Box And All Your Parenting Needs](#) - Useful information on parenting your 0-5 year olds. Includes guidance on sleeping, eating, play and behaviour.

[Play Scotland, the national expert in Play](#) - Ideas on how to support children develop through play.

Parents / Carers Looking for Groups to Attend

If you are wishing to attend a Baby & Toddler Group or a Playgroup in South Lanarkshire, please email us at spell.org@btopenworld.com stating which area / days you are looking for.

SPELL Play Activity Programme

In the past SPELL have run a play activity programme with our Play Tutors providing each group with one free session a year. We are pleased to announce that we will be running our play activity programme again, however we are currently reviewing all the activities to ensure the upmost safety of our Play Tutors and everyone at the groups. For this reason, we will not be taking bookings until after the October break and hope to announce details of all the activities in our next newsletter.

SPELL Training Programme

SPELL's training programme is funded by South Lanarkshire Council and is free and open to all parents; and childcare staff and volunteers who work within baby & toddler groups and playgroups in South Lanarkshire.

If you would like to book a space on any of the courses below please contact Wendy at spell.org@btopenworld.com or call her on 01698 768944 or 07385381461

Elementary Food Hygiene - 1 day course
Friday 22nd October 2021 - Webinar

Paediatric First Aid - 1 day course
Thursday 11th November 2021 in Uddingston

Further training courses will be announced in future newsletters and on our website www.spell-lanarkshire.com



Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group

SPELL were delighted to be able to run some of our Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group in Bothwell Road Park during May and June. After a long period of restrictions, it was lovely to see young children and parents mixing again and they seemed to enjoy it as much as we did. We would like to thank Lindsey from Outlet Play Resource for helping us run the sessions.

We are planning on running some more sessions, hopefully from mid-October. Our SPELL staff have recently had fire and tool training for the sessions and we will also be running Bookbug sessions at the group. For further details please keep an eye on our Facebook Page [@SPELLSouthlanarkshire](https://www.facebook.com/SPELLSouthlanarkshire) and our website www.spell-lanarkshire.com



Group Insurance

Please remember that you need to ensure that you have insurance for your group. If you have any queries regarding insurance please contact your Support Worker or email our office at spell.org@btopenworld.com