



## *The Ark Toddlers' Group*

**Friday mornings: 10.30 to 12.00**

**Your local Parent and Toddler group for children  
from 0 - 5 years old**

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## Welcome to your local Parent and Toddler Group

We are very happy to welcome you. This is an information sheet which helps you to know what will happen during each session, and guidelines for the activities.

Each session lasts 1½ hours and has a structured format. It encourages children to learn that there is a time and place for everything; routine is key. A typical session might go as follows:

- Doors open.
- People register and settle children.
- Child chooses where they would like to play first. Structured play activities include: crafts, puzzles, cars, construction, messy activities, books, instruments etc.
- Self-serve hot drinks are available for parents – please only drink in the hot spot zone.
- Milk/water and fruit/crackers for children.
- Announcements.
- Singing session.
- Tidy up time - parents and children should all help with this.

### Together Everyone Achieves More

**TEAM** work. Everyone who comes to our groups is encouraged to help with tidying up, serving refreshments, etc. The children love joining in with you, and this gives them great habits that can be used at home and school.

Please spread the word and invite your friends and neighbours to our group. It will be lovely to meet them.

We would ask parents to please supervise their own children. The way they relate and play with others is your responsibility.

In our toddler groups, we promote an environment which is safe, friendly, calm and fair. To help us achieve this, please could you follow these simple guidelines:

Please report any unacceptable or unsafe behaviour, to a session leader.

Please show respect to others in the group: swearing, shouting and arguing are not allowed.

If your child is not playing safely or nicely with other children, please intervene appropriately.

Unless there is immediate danger, please do not intervene with another parent's child.



Please do not give children food other than during snack time. This keeps the play area free of food, and prevents children from eating food that they are not allowed.

A non-smacking policy operates in all our groups.

**Purpose:** to encourage and enrich family life in order to build strong communities.

**Vision:** to see parents and children building 'relationships that matter' within and beyond their cultural/ethnic group.

**Objective:** to have family life valued in all levels of society, both locally and nationally.