



WHAT TO EXPECT GUIDE

PLAY HERD

Hello!

We're The Herd and thank you for coming along to our PLAY HERD Sessions at The Octagon or Fenchurch Family Hub.

Sessions are term time Thursdays:

10am - 11.30am at The Octagon Family Hub

1.30pm - 2.30pm at Fenchurch Family Hub

We understand that some people like to know what to expect before going to a new experience, so here's a guide.

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THE OCTAGON FAMILY HUB:

Location of The Octagon Family Hub

The address is:

The Octagon Family Hub, Walker Street, Hull, HU3 2RA

This is what the building looks like from the outside.



There is a car park you can park in at the front. Or you can walk and park your buggy if you have one, or bike safely just outside the centre with locks provided.

Once you enter the Family Hub you'll be asked to sign in at the reception and enter your vehicle registration if you've parked in the car park.

We're working in the play room at the centre. You can leave shoes, coats and any non-valuables in the cloakroom in the corridor.

Shoes Off

We ask you all to take your shoes off before coming into the room.
The room the session will take place in looks like this:



You'll meet 2 Herd Artist who will be wearing t-shirt like this:



We'll say hello, and welcome you into the room. Once everyone is in and settled, we'll let you know a little information:

Welcome to Play Herd, a creative play session with artists

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This is a time for you and your child to play.
Remember there is no right or wrong way to play here.
Some children might do lots of things, some might do less, both are great.
Grown-ups the more fun you have the more fun your child will have.
We just ask for no phones and no food in the room.
Let's have fun!

You'll be in the room with up to 20 other children and their grown ups.

The Activities

You'll have the chance to explore the materials, objects and equipment in the room freely. The space will be full of recycled and reclaimed materials. These may change from week to week.



Every item in the space can be moved, carried, rolled, lifted and combined.

You might build structures, create characters, make stories, design sculptures, invent sports, solve problems or just explore the properties of different objects with your child.

The artists will be playing in the space too. You can interact with them as much or as little as you and your child would like too.

They will chat if you or your child want too - but otherwise they won't say too much but will communicate by sharing things, games and ideas for play.

Sometimes they might sing and play instruments.

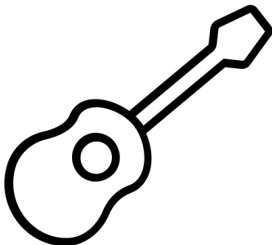
Sound



Gentle music will be playing while you explore. It won't be too loud and it won't have any sudden changes. You might notice that the beat gets quicker over time, or slows down.

You might hear lots of different sounds and instruments while you're in the room.

Live Instruments



We will use live instruments and singing in our sessions to support the play. You and your child are welcome to join in or not as you wish.

After about 1 hour of playing we usually start singing and playing percussive instruments in a circle. You can join in or not as you wish.



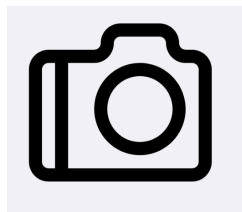
Draw and chat



After approx 1 hour and 15 mins. We'll gather and celebrate the play that's taken place. We'll bring out big paper and paint pens (which are not toxic and are machine washable) and you and your child can draw all the things you've done together in the session.



Photographs



We take photographs in our sessions each week. These go into a giant book that comes out every week to reflect on what we have done! We may also use the photographs to promote the sessions. You will be asked to complete a photo permission form ahead of any photographs being taken. You can choose to opt out of all, or of social media but keep in the floor book, whatever your preference as a family.

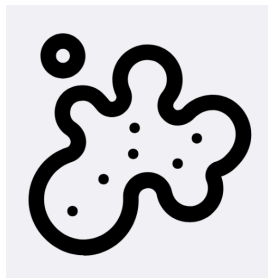
Outdoors



In fair weather we will aim to be outdoors as much as possible, as we know there are huge benefits to playing outside for children. The outdoor area is a part of the Family Hub, is secure and only accessible by signing in through reception just like when we use the play room.



Messy Play

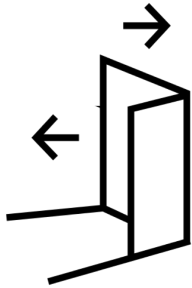


Sometimes we may explore messy materials such as clay, paint or water. Where possible we will let you know ahead by posting on the family hub facebook page and telling in the session the previous week. We make sure we have aprons or t-shirts to cover clothes. All materials used are machine washable.

Other Information



Our session times are 10am - 11.30am every Thursday, during term time.



You are free to come and go in our session as much as you like.



There are accessible toilets. Please note adults must be with their child/ children at all times, and so go to the toilet together.



There are baby change facilities in the disabled toilet in the foyer of The Octagon Family Hub.



We ask that you don't eat or drink anything in the session, other than bottled water or babies bottles, to protect the materials, to avoid any spillages that may cause trip hazards and for allergies of others in the space.

We look forward to seeing you,
Herd Team

FENCHURCH FAMILY HUB:

Location of Fenchurch Family Hub

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There is nothing they can do wrong in their play.

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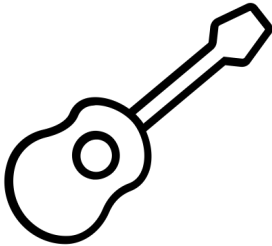
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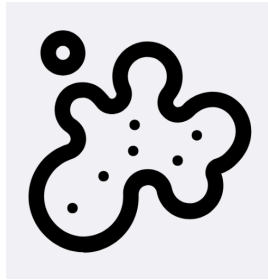
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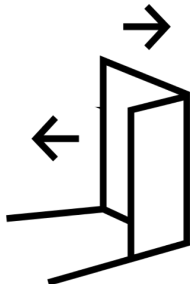


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