

Toddler Groups

Toddler groups are where parents, carers and grandparents can meet with their young children. They provide the opportunity for learning social and creative skills for the children through play, socialising with other children in a different environment, with a variety of toys, creative play, music and singing. There is also the chance for the adults to meet and chat. Groups are usually organised and run by the parents and carers themselves. They are open once or twice a week for an hour or two during term time, either in the morning or afternoon. They are often in venues like church halls, community centres or on school premises.

Toddler Group Registrations

Toddler groups are not required to be registered with Ofsted as they don't provide childcare. Parents and carers must stay with their children so are therefore responsible for their children's care and safety whilst on the premises.

Finding a Toddler Group

You can find Toddler Groups in our [Sheffield Directory](#) the listings should include a named contact and telephone number for the group and further details of the service it provides. Groups may also advertise locally in shops, libraries, post offices or on noticeboards in church halls and community centres.

Age criteria

Groups are run for parents and carers with babies and children right up to the age of 5, but this does vary depending on the group. The [Sheffield Directory](#) entries will tell you what age children each group is for.

Charges

Many groups are free but there is more often a small charge to cover hire of the room and refreshments. There are often discounts if you have more than one child.

Can I attend more than one toddler group?

Yes, you can attend as many groups as you wish.

Volunteering

As groups are run on a voluntary basis you may be needed to help out once in a while or join in with fund-raising activities to enable the group to buy toys or equipment.

Children with Special Educational Needs and Disability

Sheffield SEN & Disability Information Advice and Support provides an information service for families with children who are disabled or have special needs (see 'Related Services' at the end). More information can be found online on the [Sheffield Directory - Local Offer](#) website.

Other Options

For information and advice on other childcare and leisure activity options to meet your needs, please contact [Customer First at First Point](#). A factsheet on childcare options is also available (see 'useful information' at the end of this factsheet).