

Welcome & Information

Trinity Church
BUXTON

Welcome to Stay & Play

A very warm welcome to Stay & Play - a friendly group for parents and caregivers with babies and small children to meet and chat together and enjoy playing with your children. We aim to provide a safe and welcoming environment for your babies and toddlers, as well as friendship and community for you.

Stay & Play is open to all preschool children (ages 0-4) and their parents and caregivers, as well as to expectant mums.

Time, Place & Cost

Stay & Play meets from **10.00-11.30am every Tuesday morning** during term time at Trinity Church Buxton. We don't have car-parking available on site (unless you have a Blue Badge or similar requirements), but you can usually find space on a nearby road and we have plenty of space to park buggies when you arrive.

Stay & Play costs £1 per week per family, but we don't want the cost to stop anyone coming - so please do chat to us about this if you need to.

What To Expect

A warm welcome from our team of helpers; a room full of stimulating toys and play equipment; and for those with small babies, an area with baby mats and toys.

Every week, there'll be a craft table supervised by a leader. Each week, we'll sing some songs together, and there'll be a short Bible story told by one of the S&P team.

At snack time, we provide tea, coffee and home-made cakes for the grown-ups and healthy snacks for the children.

The timings of each week will generally be as follows:

10.00	**Arrive and register**
10.00	**Chat, play, craft**
10.40	**Together time (story and songs)**
10.55	**Snack time**
11.05	**Chat and play**
11.25	**Tidy up time**
11.30	**Goodbye time**

Your Responsibilities

You are fully responsible for your child at all times. Leaders will be there to provide assistance when needed, but they cannot be left with responsibility for your child.

Please note we are unable to accommodate school-age children. We make an exception in the case of the school-age children of our leaders.

Children are not allowed in the kitchen. Children must be accompanied if they go to the toilet or leave the main hall for any other reason.

Please help us stay safe by keeping the door to the building closed at all times; it must not be propped open under any circumstances.

In the unlikely event of a fire, please abandon your belongings, collect your baby/child and leave the building by the quickest and safest route. Please proceed to the assembly and registration point, which is the Silverlands end of Trinity Passage, where we'll check everyone against the register for that day.

Allergies, Illnesses, Emergency Contacts & Additional Needs

Please inform us if you or your child has any allergies, dietary issues, or medical conditions. If you or your child is taking medication, please ensure that it's not accessible to other children at Stay & Play. If you or your child is ill, we ask you not to come to Stay & Play until you are well again. (*It is recommended that someone who's had vomiting and diarrhoea stays away from others for 48 hours.*)

You'll be asked to give an emergency contact number for another adult when you register. Please let us know if your emergency contact number changes.

We seek to make our sessions welcoming and accessible for those with additional needs. Do let us know how we can best support you and/or your child if necessary.

Absence

We are delighted that Stay and Play is such a popular group and we really want to be able to welcome the people on our waiting list when we can. We ask you to please get in touch with us if you are unable to attend for 2 consecutive weeks, so that we know to hold your place for you. We know that there are many good reasons why one might not be able to come, but sometimes we have people book who then never or rarely come to the group. This system means that those spaces won't be 'wasted' as they can be given instead to those on the waiting list if we don't hear from non-attendees.

Taking Photos

We're happy for parents/carers to take photos during the session, but they must only be of yourself and/or your own children. During the booking process, we will ask for your consent for group leaders to take photos of you and your child for our Stay & Play Facebook/Instagram pages and our church website.

Any Questions?

The Stay & Play team is headed up by **Helen Barnsley.** Please do feel free to contact her with any questions (see details below) or to chat with any other member of the team. We welcome your comments about Stay & Play and are always very happy to hear any concerns you have or suggestions about how we could do things differently.

Other Activities at Trinity

You and your family are always welcome at any of our Sunday Services or other activities. We have groups on Sunday mornings for children aged 4-14 (Trinity Kids and Trinity Youth), and we also run a crèche for babies and pre-school children.

For school-age children: Mini Heroes is our monthly after-school group for those in Reception to Y2 (with their parent/s & siblings). Our Heroes group (for children in Years 3-6) and Impact group (for young people in Years 7-9) meet on a Friday evening. Ignite (Y10-Y13) meets on Friday and Sunday evenings.

Please do ask if you'd like more information about these activities or anything else happening at Trinity Church.

We look forward to seeing you and your child soon!

The Stay and Play Team

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