



## Nar and St Clements Children's Centre

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Dear Mums, Dads, and Carers

We are pleased to share with you the Children's Centre programme for stay and play sessions from September 2018. As you can see we have made minor changes to the timing and content of some groups to be able to improve the offer available to your child and family.

**New Arrivals** – Our New Arrivals session are a key group for families with the very youngest children. These session allows parents to meet together form friendships and share the highs and lows of having a baby. However as is the way with babies attendance can vary with numbers going, both up and down, meaning staffing and planning can be problematic. Moving forward we are looking to lower the age of our "Explore With Me" session to 9 months and then introduce a new rolling programme of workshops and courses for parents with babies at New Arrivals. This will include Baby Yoga and "Learning Through Play". The New Arrivals programme will also be mirrored at our Nar site. More information on this programme will out shortly

**Session Times** - You will note on the programme that while we still have the same sessions, some of the times have changed. As I am sure you are aware Norfolk County Council has the increasing challenge of providing services for the community on an ever decreasing budget. This has resorted in Children Centre's budgets being reduced. However, we are aware from the parent feedback that our Stay and Play sessions are highly valued and a key part of your lives with your little ones. To be able to continue to offer the same number of sessions on a reduced budget we have had to be creative, and have amended some of the times that sessions run so that we can be more effective and efficient with our staffing resource. We accept that this change may not suit all our parents – however needed to make a difficult decision to either change the times or stop the session.

Do enjoy the summer break and we look forward to your continued attendance and support at sessions during the next academic year 2018-2019. If you would like to discuss the program or have ideas for new and exciting events or activities then please let us know.

Enjoy the summer

Regards

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