



Welcome to your local Parent and Toddler Group

We are so happy to welcome you to Daniel's Den at Park Lane Methodist Church. This is an information sheet which will help you know what happens during each session and guidelines for the activities.

Each session lasts one and a half hours. It has a structured format and, as such, it encourages children to learn that there is a place and time for everything. Routine is key!

A typical session would go as follows: -

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| 9.30am | Doors open.
People register and settle children.
Child chooses where they would like to play first. |
| 9.30-10.15 | Structured play activities available including crafts, puzzles, cars, construction, dressing up, role-play, books, instruments etc.
Self-serve hot drinks are available for parents - please drink in the hot spot |
| 10.15-10.20 | Tidy up time (parent and children should help with this task) |
| 10.20-10.30 | Juice and fruit for children. Announcement time. |
| 10.30 - 10.45 | Large toys/balls available for children to play |
| 10.45-11.00 | Singing session |

DYS - Down Your Street.

There is someone living down your street who needs to come to Daniel's Den and you are the best person to invite them. You are encouraged to take some of the brochures and postcards and give them to people you meet on the street, in the park, etc. So many people come to our groups because of this personal invitation.

Purpose: To encourage and enrich family life in order to build stronger communities

Vision: We have a vision to see: Parents and children having the opportunity to 'know and be known' in their local community. People 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

Together Everyone Achieves More.

This is the central motto of Daniel's Den. Everyone who comes to our groups is expected to help i.e. at tidying up time, serving refreshments etc. The children love joining in with you, and this gives them great habits that can be used at home and school.

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

In a busy toddler group, parents may not always see the actions of their own child. If you see unacceptable or unsafe behaviour, please speak to a session leader, who will take appropriate action.

A non-smacking policy operates in all our groups.

Each person that attends our groups deserves respect. Inappropriate language, shouting and arguing does not show respect and is therefore not acceptable.

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

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

We really do value your comments on the group, and would like to know if you have any concerns or suggestions about how we can do things differently. This is *your* group and your input is invaluable.

Above all - have fun and enjoy being together!

Contact details

Communication is very important to us and here are our contact details.

Our website keeps you up to date with events and activities.

Do look out for us on Facebook and twitter as we provide regular updates...

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