



**Isobel Family
Centre**

November 2020 Newsletter

Upcoming Online Events

- November 9th - Understanding CVI (Cerebral Vision Impairment)
- November 16th Sound Start Babies Group
- November 23rd- Daily Living Skills Meet-Up
- December 7th - Microtia Atresia Meet-Up

Reminders

- Please contact your teacher to confirm you are all well before an appointment.
- Book your place in any of the groups with Frankie - punzi@wandsworthhis.org.uk

Re-Opening of the Isobel Family Centre

These have been challenging times for everyone and we have navigated new ways of working with families of children with a sensory loss and provided activities at the Isobel Family Centre. We are excited to be working towards running all the events and services at the centre that will provide for families across Wandsworth.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to the various activities so please keep an eye on the website and our social media to know what is happening.

We are starting by offering the opportunity for families to come in for face to face sessions with their teacher during the current lockdown where visits to the home aren't possible. Sessions will be held following Covid Safe guidance.



Monday Meet-Ups

Starting from 9th of November we will be hosting Monday Meet-Ups between 11.30 and 12.30 on Zoom.

These Meet-Ups will be an opportunity to join other parents to chat meet with a member of the service to find out more about a variety of topics as well as meet other families from around Wandsworth.

Each week will have a different focus so mark out the time in your calendar and watch out for the different topics in your inbox or on social media.

Ask your teacher for more information about the groups or let Frankie know you would like to attend so we can send you the weekly join link.

Grab a coffee and join us for a chat.

Every Month.....

First Monday -
Microtia/Atresia -
Vanessa Waple

Second Monday - CVI
Meet-Up - Catherine
Demi

Third Monday - Sound
Start Babies Group -
Kate Dixon

Fourth Monday - Daily
Living Skills - Martha
Rubio



We'd Like you to meet.....

Hi! I am **Kate Dixon** and I am a Teacher of the Deaf and the Early Years Lead for Wandsworth Sensory Support service. I have worked in Wandsworth for a little over a year.

I spend my days working with families of young deaf children and also developing activities at the Isobel Family Centre.

In my spare time I love to travel, listen to music and spend time with my family and dog Jarrah.

I look forward to getting to know more families as the centre starts again. Please drop me an email if you have any questions or ideas about the Isobel Family Centre



Hi, I'm **Frankie** and I'm the Business Support Officer for Wandsworth Sensory Support Service. I've been with the Service since 2015, working behind the scenes to help the teachers support their students, as well as organising a wide array of activities for young people and their families to enjoy.

I love performing and in my spare time I take part in musicals, pantomimes and murder mystery events.



What Happens in Playgroup sessions ?

Playgroups are returning in the new year. Look out for the schedule in the coming weeks and book your space.

All of our playgroups last for 2 hours and are appropriate for children aged 18 months - 3 years. These groups are developed by our highly skilled teachers to provide for the overall development of young children with a sensory loss.

Parents attend these sessions alongside their child and engage in activities which promote learning throughout all our daily activities.

A typical session includes:

- A 'welcome' session
- A snack time
- Story time
- Sensory play
- Creative play
- Music and songs
- Outside play - weather permitting
- A 'farewell' session



Sensory Friendly Parties

Birthday parties are milestones we love to celebrate but sometimes it is hard to find the perfect location. Why not consider the Isobel Family Centre?

The centre was purpose built to provide an environment that works for children with a sensory loss and their families. The rooms are accoustically treated to provide a great listening environment for everyone, are fully accessible with facilities built for people with additional needs.

The multi purpose space can be set up to provide seating and tables for both adults and children. There are easy to use kitchen facilities.

Contact us to discuss your needs.

