

## Children's Centres

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**Link to SEN Matrix:** All profiles at Level 1

**Service aims:**

Building on the Sure Start programme, Children's Centres are a key national government initiative to deliver better outcomes for children and families. The Children's Centres will provide integrated care and education for young children, health services, family support and a base for childminders. This integrated approach by children's centres will provide holistic support for children's development, support to families with young children and will facilitate the return to work and training of those parents who wish to do so.

**A Vision for Children's Centres.....Children's Centres are intended to contribute towards the Governments commitment to:**

- ✓ The best start in life for every child
- ✓ Better opportunities for parents
- ✓ Affordable, good quality childcare
- ✓ Stronger and safer communities

**To access the support:** Contact your local centre

**Method of support: Core Services:**

- Childcare and Early Education
- A base for childminders, and a service hub within the community for parents and providers of childcare services
- Family support
- Child and Family health services

See website for local programmes

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