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## Pre-school family group at DDCA

We invite you to register your interest in attending our pre-school family group. The group provides a safe, fun, relaxed, and supportive environment where parents can play with their children and meet other families who might share similar circumstances and experiences.

Elliot (DDCA's manager) and Ann Marie (DDCA's assistant manager) attend the group. Dawn, an early years Parent Development Officer, attends fortnightly to provide further support and advice.

To ensure the best experience for our families, these are not "drop-in" groups. We keep the group small to maintain a calm and accessible atmosphere, in line with family feedback.

- Monday afternoons, 1.30 pm – 3 pm.
- All activities are **free of charge**.

## Eligibility Criteria

- The group is for families with pre-school age children with physical and/or learning disabilities and/or those waiting for a diagnosis. We often have families attending with children with social and communication difficulties who are too young for any diagnosis.
- Our group isn't and shouldn't be a replacement for nursery.

## How We Allocate Places

Because demand is sometimes high and spaces are limited, we can't guarantee a place for everyone who applies. When a space becomes available, we consider:

1. The specific needs and circumstances of the child and family based on the information provided.
2. The current dynamic of the group to ensure it remains a safe and supportive environment for all.
3. The level of need for this specific type of group.

## How to Apply

If you would like to join us, please complete and return the attached form. We will acknowledge receipt and contact you if a suitable space becomes available. We also have a list of other support and funding ideas on our website: [www.ddcaok.com](http://www.ddcaok.com)



**Child's Details:**

- Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Currently attending nursery part-time? If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Details**

- Name of Accompanying Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nature of child's additional support need(s):**

Physical  Learning  Social and communication difficulties  suspected or diagnosed autism  
 Other:

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**Anything else you would like to share? (feel free to continue on a separate page)**

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**By signing this form, I understand and accept:**

- DDCA reserves the right to stop anyone attending at any time if we feel we can't safely meet an individual or family's needs or if anyone acts in an aggressive, violent, intimidating, or confrontational manner towards anyone else attending.
- If after starting to come along you find the group isn't for your or your circumstances change, please let us know so we can offer the space to another family.
- DDCA has a "No Restraint or holding" policy and cannot offer a space to anyone who requires a "Safe Space" or "CALM holds".
- I am fully responsible for the safety, support, and supervision of my child during the group.
- Data Consent: I consent to DDCA retaining this information to assess suitability for current or future groups. (You may of course request to be removed from our list at any time).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If different from above:**

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_ Job title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details \_\_\_\_\_