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Weir Link Nursery Outstanding Ofsted Report

It is a purpose built Nursery with a bright, clean and safe environment for young children. There are many opportunities for the children to play and thrive in the safe and unique environment, both indoors and outdoors. Our aim is to provide your child with an outstanding introduction to their education in an exciting, creative and stimulating atmosphere under the supervision of our qualified and well experience staff.

The centre benefits from links to other services in the local authority, including health services in ensuring the provision of quality care and support

for the children and their families. We are part of a community, which teaches respect for different faiths and customs.

The nursery opens from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday for 49 weeks a year. Children are provided with fresh, nutritious meals and snacks throughout the day prepared on the premises.

Every child is given the opportunity to develop at their own pace in a warm and loving environment where they learn valuable social skills which will help them to gain independence and a love of learning through play and a joy of exploring.

Parents' Forum

We are looking for parents and carers with children five and under to get involved in helping to direct our services. The group will meet once every four weeks to discuss ideas for

activities and our future programmes. It will be an opportunity to discuss the things that matter to you and influence decision making.

Training will be offered to support your involvement and this forum can be a great stepping stone into other things. There will also be announcements about activities, events and workshops over the coming months.

This is **your** centre and we want you to have a voice. So come along, tell us what you would like to see happening at The Weir Link and help us to keep your views at the heart of what we do.

Free crèche is available but places are limited and must be booked at least 48 hours in advance.

Debt Solutions

The Weir Link recently held an advice session on Debt solutions. The talk was given by Bruce Bebington of the Lambeth Law Centre.



Mr Bebington was able to give practical advice to centre users on the different approaches to running a home budget, supplementing a low income and overextended credit.

If you need advice on any of the above issues contact:

Lambeth Law Centre: 020 7840 2001
Brixton Advice Centre: 020 7733 4674
Clapham Community Project: 020 7627 0240
Lambeth CAB: 020 8715 0707

Toddler Tunes

Toddler Tunes is for parents and carers with children under three years old. Children will begin the session by playing and building friendships. The second part of the session is about exposing children to music and sounds. Children and parents sing along to toddler tunes with instruments and props. This encourages children to develop listening skills and acquire language skills.



Small babies benefit from listening to songs from an early age, so bring them along.

Toddler Tunes takes place at The Weir Link every Wednesday at from 9.30 to 10.15. Spaces are limited so please come early to avoid disappointment. For more information contact Gabriela on 020 8675 2481 or email gabriela.beron-cardona@theweirlink.org.

About The Weir Link

The Weir Link is a community Children's Centre managed by local people for local people.

Lambeth Council funds the centre to provide services for parents with children under five years old.

The centre provides day care from 8am-6pm; support for children with special needs; health advice and support; and education and training.

The centre is available to hire for meetings and social events in the evenings and at weekends.

For more information call 020 8675 2481 or email info@theweirlink.org



Dad's Link

Dad's Link is a forum where fathers can get together and discuss all aspects of fatherhood from engaging and entertaining your child to personal and career development.

Dad's Link have arranged a free six week life skills and personal development course. This motivational course is designed to build confidence and self-awareness for father and to support them in choosing the right career path.

The course will include advice on how to cope with stress and deal with life's irritations, cultivating a healthy lifestyle and the importance of maintaining healthy relationships.

Each session will have a facilitator and will require a high level of interaction from all participants.

The course is limited to ten fathers with children aged 0-5. Spaces will be allocated on a first come basis. Light refreshments will be served and an eight space crèche is available which needs to be booked at least 48 hours in advance.

This course starts on Monday, 15 February from 3.30 to 5.00pm. To book a place contact Tony Miller on 020 8675 2481, 07540 724454 or email tony.miller@theweirlink.org

Childminders' Drop in

Childminders' Drop-in sessions take place every Friday between 9.30 to 11.00. Support and advice will be given regarding Ofsted regulations and the EYFS Framework. In addition to play sessions regular outdoor day trips will be arranged.

At present we are running a training course on SAFEGUARDING Level 1. In the future we will be running courses and general support on Children's Observations and assessments for inclusion in children's Individual record of achievement Profile.



Save a Life First Aid Courses

The British Red Cross will be running a free first aid training day at The Weir Link. The training will focus on essential life saving skills and provides an ideal opportunity to practice newly acquired skills. A must for all parents and carers.

The training will take place on Tuesday, 16 February with the morning session

focusing on baby and infant first aid and adult first aid in the afternoon.



To book a place please contact Julie Reynolds on 020 8675 2481

Salsa



Get active—Join the free Salsa sessions at St Stephen's Church. Fridays at 11.30am 12.15

- 33 Weir Road, London SW12 0NU
- t. 020 8675 2481 • f. 020 8673 5135
- www.theweirlink.org • info@theweirlink.org



General Assistants

The Weir Link is looking for a small team of people to work on a rota basis, to:

Open and close the Centre when used outside the normal opening hours which are 8am – 6pm – Monday – Friday.
 Clear nursery space. Pack up/put out nursery equipment (involves moving toys, play equipment, tables, chairs, etc – mostly on wheels)*
 Set up rooms for meetings, events or other activities eg children’s parties, etc.

To find out more or get a copy of the job description and application form please call Abbeville Associates Ltd, 020 7720 1830, or email admin@abbevilleassociates.co.uk

We want to hear your views

The Weir Link exists to serve all members of our local community. We want to offer the widest possible range of services and activities which will support families and individuals. If you have ideas of what these should be then please let us know by phone, email or by calling into the Centre. In addition in the next few months, we will be asking as many local people as possible to complete our Weir Link Survey which will be brought/delivered to you. All completed surveys received by the deadline will be entered into a prize draw for £50.

Contact Us

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Opening Times
 Monday-Friday
 09.00-17.00



Thornton Ward Councillors

Councillor Diana Morris
 07946 218 617 or 020 8143 8831

Councillor Lib Peck
 020 8673 4697

Councillor Michael Hipwell
 07946218601

The surgeries we hold are:

1st Thursday of the month at the Community Advice Flat, Plummer Road from 7-8pm

3rd Tuesday of the month at the Weir Link, Weir Road from 7-8pm.

Any correspondence to be addressed to Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, London SW2 1RW.