



SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS

Supported Playgroups run during school term and are provided by Darebin City Council in partnership with the Department of Education and Training.



Playgroups offer opportunities to learn, develop and connect with your local community in a fun and informal way.

Supported Playgroups are FREE of charge, and families with children aged 0 to 4 can attend. They are provided by a trained playgroup Facilitator, and run during school term.

Supported Playgroups deliver the 'smalltalk' program where parenting essentials are discussed each week. Topics include:

- > Being warm and gentle with your child
- > Tuning in to your child by giving them your full attention
- > Attending to whatever your child shows an interest in
- > Listening and talking to your child
- > Using teachable moments when they arise
- > Shared reading.

Families may also be eligible for In Home Support, where the playgroup facilitator visits in the

home for up to five visits.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To enrol, families must meet at least one of the below eligibility criteria:

- > A family member in the household holds a Health Care Card or equivalent
- > Families in which a family member identifies as Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander
- > Families looking after children in kinship care arrangements (out of home care)
- > Families referred from Child FIRST/Children Protection
- > Families referred from or participating in Enhanced Maternal and Child Health Services.

BOOKINGS:

To find out if your family is eligible, for more information or to register: Email early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au or call 8470 8920

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