

**IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER WHEN COMPLETING YOUR  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM:**

- Expression of Interest Forms will be posted to eligible children registered with the project or downloaded from the Splash Surestart website.
- Please complete your Expression of Interest forms fully and remember to sign.
- As we can only assess each Expression of Interest on the information provided to us on the form, it is vital that you include as much relevant information as possible.
- **Please provide a valid email address where possible. Ensure that all contact details are provided and accurate.**
- **All Expression of Interest forms must be returned no later than Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 by 4.00pm. Forms can be dropped into office or posted back into Splash SureStart (address on form).**
- **No forms will be considered after the closing date so please ensure you give yourself enough time to complete form.**
- If you require any further information, please contact the Office on (028) 38313360 or [info@splashsurestart.org](mailto:info@splashsurestart.org)

***Please note:***

Parents/ Carers will be notified via letter of the outcome of their application for the Developmental Programme 2 – 3 Year Old typically by the start of June. Follow our social media channels or see our newsletters for the most recent updates.



## Splash SureStart Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds



*Supported by the Strategic Planning and Performance Group and  
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The aim of the Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds is to 'focus on constructive play in group settings to enhance children's social and emotional

development, build on their communication skills and encourage imagination through play'.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

- Eligible families must be registered with Splash SureStart.
- The child must live within the ward areas covered by Splash SureStart.
- Proof of Age/Residency will be requested on allocation of a place in the programme.
- Children applying must be born between:  
**02/07/22 – 01/07/23.**

### SPLASH SURESTART HAS 5 PROGRAMMES:

Venue	Days of week	Time
<b>Church of Nazarene AM</b>	Wed, Thurs & Fri	9:30 – 12:00
<b>Church of Nazarene MIXED AM/PM</b>	Mon, Tues Thursday	9:30 – 12:00 13:30 – 16:00
<b>The Hub PM</b>	Mon, Tues & Wed	13:30 – 16:00
<b>St Peters AM Sports and Recreational GAA/GAC Centre</b>	Mon, Tues & Wed	9:30 – 12:00
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### PROGRAMME DETAILS:

- Each year the project receives more Expression of Interest forms than places available, therefore even if you are currently registered with Splash SureStart, this unfortunately does not automatically guarantee a child a place.

- The project will try to accommodate First Preference venue option, but unfortunately this cannot be guaranteed.
- Criteria is set regionally, and this criterion is used to allocate places. The criteria are confidential and is not shared with other individuals.
- Once settled, children will attend for a maximum of three 2.5-hour sessions per week; this may be reduced to meet children's needs. The programme implements a Pathway of Care approach to support an individual child's needs within the programme.
- Parents/Guardians are required to attend a 1 hour monthly Stay and Play session. If parents cannot attend, they are asked to arrange for another adult to attend with their child.
- The programme provides a daily healthy snack for children.
- We work with the wider multidisciplinary team e.g. Occupational and Speech Therapists, Health Visitor, Play and Family Support Team.
- Children should achieve 80% attendance of the programme.
- There is no charge to attend the programme.
- Unfortunately, no transport service is available.

### PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Recognising that parents are the first and most important educators in children's lives, we actively welcome and encourage parents' contributions to the programme by:

- Giving verbal feedback on a daily basis, to include what your child did and played with, any incidents or accidents that may have occurred etc.
- Having an open-door policy so parents can come into the room at the start and end of each session.
- **Stay and Play sessions** are a fun event where the parents and children come together to share experiences/activities. These sessions enable staff to model and share good practice, promote parental involvement and enables children to share their experiences with their parent/carer.
- **Home visits** are a very important aspect of our programmes, and we normally complete 4 per year. Home Visits provide you with an opportunity to chat to staff about your child's progress and about any worries or concerns you might have.