

The Visitors Centre at Stanford Hill

Spurgeons Children's Charity

Supporting Children and Families of Prisoners

Catherine Parry – Family Service Worker – Resettlement Centre



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Spurgeons Children's Charity - A Christian Based Children's Charity

- The core values of the charity are important – Hopeful, Compassionate, Inclusive
- Founded by Charles Spurgeon in 1867
- Spurgeons is the children's charity that runs play sessions in the Visits Centre and meets and greets all visitors. We run Family Days, Extended Days, Homework Club and Baby Bonding club.
- Alongside working in the Visit Centre we also provide training courses for the men including “Time for You and Your Child” and In- cell Parenting courses. A course devised by Spurgeons to encourage and develop positive parenting and contact for inmates with their children.
- We run six Family Days a year and six Extended days a year ,which are held in the Visits Hall, facilitating seasonal crafts for the children, providing board games and adult activities, being available with a listening ear as well as providing photographic memories.

The Visitors Centre

A welcoming and friendly place for visitors to arrive to at HMP Stanford Hill

- We see every social visitor coming to visit a loved one in custody at HMP Stanford Hill.



- The Visit Centre is there to make your visit as comfortable and pleasant as possible. Spurgeons staff in the Visitors' Centre aim to provide a friendly, welcoming and supportive environment.
- We can explain to visitors about the prison regime – e.g. how to send in money, how to send in clothes, how to keep in contact via email, voicemail or normal post.
- We are available to talk to about other support services we can signpost people to

The Play Space

A dedicated area in the Visitors Centre for children to play and feel relaxed before and during their visit



- Toys and games for the children to play with
- Social Visits - Wednesday 1.45pm to 3.45pm, Thursday 1.45pm – 3.45pm, Saturdays and Sundays 1.45pm to 3.45pm
- There is a play area for visitors' children to enjoy in the visits Hall where there are toys. The parent or adult(s) who have brought in the child(ren) remains responsible for them throughout the visit and must stay in sight of their child(ren) at all times while they are in the play area.

Interventions with Catherine Parry – Spurgeons Family Service Worker

- The room is set up to be a child friendly environment.
- Families can get up and move around the room
- We run Homework Club and Baby Bonding Club
- We run “Time for You and Your Child Course”
- We run In – Cell parenting courses for dads that attend Baby Bonding Club
- If you are interested please go to the Resettlement Centre where Catherine Parry (Spurgeons family service Worker) will be available on: Wednesday mornings 10.00am to 11.30am and Thursday mornings from 10.00am – 11.30am) **Please note that all applications are subject to security clearances.**



Baby Bonding Club

Children 0-2 years. This visit gives you and the mother and baby/child some extra time just for yourselves as a family to help build an important attachment .This will be **every Wednesday & Thursday from 1pm to 1.45pm** before family social visits at 1.45pm – 3.45pm

(These sessions will be cancelled when extended days are on or a staff member is not available – Notice will be given)



Purpose:

While it is essential for mothers and their babies / children to develop a deep connection, it's also important for fathers to spend quality time bonding with their babies / children. This visit gives both family members extra time together to help build an important attachment.

Outcomes:

Supporting the father-baby relationship, and men's confidence in this relationship, is therefore important in improving child development outcomes

The importance of a fathers impact helps early childhood and emotional development

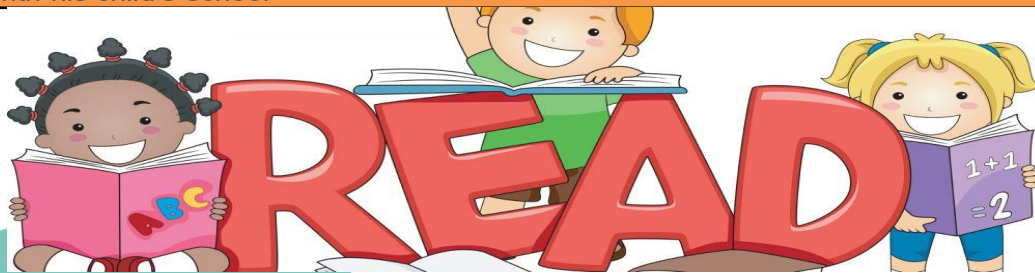
Children, whose fathers are involved with them from birth, are more likely to be emotionally secure, be confident to explore their surroundings and, as they grow older, have healthier relationships with their friends and communities

Homework Club

Homework club will help the dad, grandad, uncle etc. To feel that he is contributing to his child's educational achievements. This will be every **Saturday from 1pm to 1.45pm** before family social visits at 1.45pm to 3.45pm.



Activities:
An opportunity for children to be able to take their school reading book into visits or choose a book to read in the Visit Centre
Children will be able to take their school work into visits so that dad can help and see what his child is doing
Educational books will be provided for different ages.... KS2...KS3...KS4
Purpose:
To motivate the child in their reading/literacy
To show the child that their dad continues to care about them and their achievements
To reinforce the value of education within the whole family
To allow the dad to be a positive role model to his child
Outcomes:
The activity will help to encourage children to enjoy books and reading, and develop their literacy skills.
The activity will provide another way for the child to feel close to their dad and to see him in his 'dad' role where he still cares about them and is interested in what he/she is doing
Education is further reinforced within the whole family
These activities will help the dad feel that he is contributing to his child's educational achievements, and linking positively with his child's school





Family Days

Families to spend an extended period of time together.

Family days - Times - 10.00am to 3.00pm in Visit Centre

This day gives all the family the opportunity to enjoy games, activities and share lunch together as a family

Applications available from the Resettlement Centre

Friday 21st February 2020

Friday 3rd April 2020

Friday 29th May 2020

Friday 24th July 2020

Friday 30th October 2020

Friday 18th December 2020



Extended Days

Extended days – Times – 11.15am to 3.45pm in Visit Centre
Enrichment sessions which will run before family visits in the Visit Centre on Thursday's this will give families extra time with their loved ones

Applications available from the Resettlement Centre

Thursday 12th March 16+ only - Board games

Thursday 9th April (School holidays) – Arts & Crafts

Thursday 11th June 16+ only - Afternoon Tea

Thursday 13th August (School holidays) Sports day

Thursday 17th September 16+ only - Afternoon Tea

Saturday 28th November - Arts and crafts



Time for You & Your Child

Dad's Course

The Time for You and Your child course offers Dads the opportunity to recognise the importance of their role as parents. It focuses on what children need in order to grow and develop and achieve their full potential. This 8 session course runs over 8 weeks and enables men to share their experiences and consider a range of parenting ideas and positive approaches to being a dad through discussion and practical activities.

(1 hour session in Visit Centre on a Wednesday – Tea / Coffee and biscuits provided)

What is covered on the course?



Consider how children learn and develop

Reflect on the importance of play and the parents' role in encouraging their child's development

Gain a better understanding of children's development and ways of encouraging positive behaviour

Consider the most effective ways to maintain positive relationships and effectively communicate with their children

In-Cell Parenting Course

A chance for dads to learn about their child's behaviour and development and to learn new techniques

Dads have a folder to work through in their own time.

The participants can ask for help if they need it.

We provide a letter to confirm that they have completed their folder



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