



WHAT TO EXPECT GUIDE

BABY/TODDLER HERD

Hello!

We're The Herd and we'd like to tell you what you can expect from our baby & toddler sessions at the Bransholme Chat Shop.

We understand that some people like to know what to expect before going to a new experience, so here's a guide.

If you need any further information please feel free to email christie@theherdtheatre.co.uk or telephone on 07552 913342 and we'll be happy to assist you.

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[Arriving at the Bransholme Chat Shop](#)

We have a dedicated page about this project on our website, so feel free to take a look [here](#).

The sessions are located inside the Bransholme Chat Shop at The Livingroom, inside North Point Shopping Centre, Bransholme.

If you enter the building from the petrol station car park, you will see the Chat Shop on the left hand side after approx. 50 metres.

The shop looks like this:



You'll be greeted by a guest chatter or volunteer who will welcome you in. They might ask for your postcode, which helps to track where visitors are coming from.

Please come to the back of the shop space, where you can take off your coat and shoes if you wish. We will be sat on the green mats.



Welcome to the Bransholme Chat Shop

You'll come into this room through the blue curtains. They might be open or closed, depending on what time you arrive.



Where you'll meet Ruby and Sam from The Herd – both in white t-shirts on the image above.



This is Ruby



This is Sam

We'll say hello, and let you know a little information ahead of playing. We'll tell you the space is yours, that you are free to play.

You'll be in the room with up to 15 other children and their adults.

The sessions

We have two sessions:

- 10-11am for babies up to 18months
- 11.30am-12.30pm for 18months+

This is just guidance, so feel free to come to the session which you think might be most appropriate for the baby/toddler in your care.

During the session, we will be playing, singing and telling sensory stories. We have a different theme each week.

You and your babies and toddlers are free to move around during the session. We understand that young children find it hard to sit still and quietly and they don't have to do that in our sessions. We are happy for children to explore and make noise throughout.

If you are looking after older children, they are also welcome in our sessions. There are no age restrictions.

Sound and Light



We will be playing instruments during the session. It won't be too loud and it won't have any sudden changes. You might hear different sounds and instruments while you're in the room.

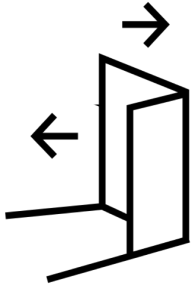


We may be changing light levels during some of the sessions. We might change the space from being bright to dim and even dark with mood lighting. These won't change colour quickly or flash and we'll always give you plenty of warning before we make any changes.

Other Information



Each session runs for 1 hour.



You are free to come and go if you need to during the session.



There are public toilets, with baby changing facilities across the mall from the Chat Shop, with stair-free access.

We look forward to seeing you,

Ruby and Sam