



Practical considerations

There are many considerations to take on board when preparing your venue for visits from families with under 5s.

These are the things that we have found are the most important considerations for our families. Although you may not be able to provide all of them, you can use this list as a guide to assess whether your space is ready or could be adapted for families, schools and other groups visiting with under 5s.

Could your venue provide:

- Dedicated buggy parking that is clearly signposted
- Lifts - if not, consider how families with buggies will be able to access your venue and orientate around it
- Baby changing facilities that are open to different genders and large enough to fit a family
- Spare clothes and nappies (not essential but good to provide where possible)
- Highchairs
- Readily available drinking water
- Suitable food choices if you have a cafe on site
- Baby food/milk warming station - this could be a microwave in your café
- A welcoming policy on breastfeeding or a quiet breastfeeding space
- Paediatric first aiders
- Foil blankets for evacuations

Early Years toolkit

- Safe spaces eg no sharp or covered edges
- Appropriate toys and momentos to buy in the shop
- Galleries that are accessible – could you provide steps for children to stand on to see objects? Can families interact with objects in your galleries?
- An information desk that is at an appropriate height for young children
- Photograph opportunities - many families love taking pictures of their children doing new things!
- Opportunities for families to sit, rest and stop?

