How many centres will be closing?

Changes to children’s centres in Haringey will mean the closure of the following centres from April 2016:

- Bounds Green Children’s Centre
- Campsbourne Children’s Centre
- Earlsmead Children’s Centre
- Noel Park Children’s Centre
- South Grove Children’s Centre
- Stonecroft Children’s Centre
- The Ladder Children’s Centre
- Rokesly Children’s Centre*

The following centres will remain open:

- Broadwater Children’s Centre
- Park Lane Children’s Centre
- Pembury House Children’s Centre
- Rowland Hill Children’s Centre
- Triangle Children’s Centre
- Welbourne Children’s Centre
- Woodlands Park Children’s Centre
- Woodside Children’s Centre

A new centre will also be commissioned in the west of the borough following Rokesly’s request to close.

*In their response to the consultation the governors of Rokesly Infant School informed the council they no longer wished to remain a designated children’s centre if the council’s proposed changes to children’s centre services went ahead. A new centre will be commissioned to replace Rokesly.

How was the decision made to close certain centres?

In order to plan where children’s centres are most required we have analysed the need for early years support across Haringey. Using the same model which schools in Haringey use, we have divided the borough into five areas and ensured that each area has at least one children’s centre. In determining the number of centres in each planning area, and which centres to keep open, we considered the location of the building alongside how people travel, transport links and the size of the locality. We also considered the building size and facilities and whether they fit with our future vision of children’s centres. The council has worked closely with parents, children’s centre staff, school representatives and others to design these proposals. These proposals were developed with a view to save approximately £1.4 million from the council’s early years’ budget as required.

The children’s centre I normally use is closing, how will I know which is the nearest one I can go to?

Information about where in the borough remaining children’s centres are located will be available to all users from any children’s centre.

This information is also available on the council’s children’s centre webpage at

You will also be to pick up information about children’s centres services in any customer service centre, library and GP practice and health centre.
When will my centre close?

Where a children’s centre has been identified for closure, it will close by the end of April 2016.

What is going to happen at centres in the meantime?

Until April 2016 children’s centres that are set to close will continue operating as normal. It is possible that there may be some slight disruption to services as we move from the existing pattern of children’s centre services to the new arrangements, but we will make every effort to keep this to a minimum.

Will children’s centres that are remaining continue to provide the same services?

The services that parents and carers told us were important to them, such as stay and play, parent support, antenatal and health visiting appointments and breastfeeding support services, will continue.

Many centres will also begin to provide new services under the new arrangements – such as antenatal workshops, maternity and breastfeeding support - while some services currently provided at children’s centres will also become available from other locations.

In addition to this the council will continue to provide early help support to families, children and young people with additional needs.

I have a child under the age of 5, if my nearest children’s centre is closing, where else can I go for help or support?

Haringey residents will be entitled to seek support from any children’s centre in the borough.

If you are in need of additional help you may be eligible for support by the council’s early help service. To find out more please visit [http://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-help](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-help)

In some circumstances you may also wish to get in touch with your GP or health visitor who will be able to offer you expert advice and direct you to specialist support.

What’s going to happen to the buildings of children's centres that do close?

All of the children’s centres that will be closing are located on sites that also offer other services for children and their families, such as childcare for example. We are not expecting these other services to cease after closure and in some circumstances we may wish to work directly with these sites to ensure these other services do continue.

How can I become more involved in the work that children’s centres do?

If you are interested in getting involved in the work of children’s centres you can contact a children’s centre directly or get in touch with us at [earlyyearsprovider@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyearsprovider@haringey.gov.uk)

As part of the new children’s centre arrangements we will also be increasing the help and support for parents interested in volunteering and other opportunities. Newly appointed Learning and Volunteering Coordinators will also be available to support parents who want to volunteer, get involved in local decision making, or access learning opportunities.

Further information will be made available in the community and on the council’s website in the coming months.