

The Roundabout Centre

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Area Served and Who Comes
Barton & Sandhills, Quarry & Risinghurst.

The Baby Café bus was launched in May 2007 and now visits 4 children's centres weekly. A major strength of the project is the continuing support by a range of partners and volunteers.

Healthy meals are provided; portion sizes have already changed and the children are encouraged to recognise when they feel full empowering them to make positive choices for themselves.

The centre hosted a Locality meeting for the area, which was attended by over 50 people.

The Foundation Stage children regularly visit Forest School where they are able to take risks within a safe but challenging environment.

Once a month parents and staff organise the sale of second hand clothes; parents decide how to spend the money and last October a farm visited the centre. The garden was very busy with lots of farm animals, and families commented on what a successful day it was. The children were able to meet animals up close, understand how to be kind to them and most importantly have time and fun together.

A teacher joined the team in January 2007 and has focused on the nursery.

The Kiosk has proved to be a worthwhile investment as families have immediate easy access to the Jobcentre Plus website. Alongside this, The Childcare Support Officer has supported a number of families ensuring they are claiming what they are entitled to. One family had not been claiming their entitlement and now have an extra £1000 a year into their household budget.