

Your visit to The Hullabaloo!



This visual story provides information about what you can expect to see and experience when you visit us. We hope you enjoy your visit!

My name:

I will be visiting on:

Day:

Month:

Year:

I will leave home at:



I will travel to The Hullabaloo by:



About The Hullabaloo

The Hullabaloo is a theatre venue that's been built specially for children and their grown-ups to play and learn in together. It's also where you can watch magical theatre shows, take part in amazing activities and experience brilliant storytelling, singing and music plus lots of other fun things!



SENSORY KEY

- The Hullabaloo is close to a main road, so you may hear lots of moving traffic nearby.



If you're arriving by car

The Hullabaloo does not have a car park so you might park on a street that is close by or in a nearby car park.



Accessing our building



This is the outside of The Hullabaloo...



... and this is the main entrance.

When you arrive at the front of The Hullabaloo, you will see two doors in the middle of the building. If you press the doorbell and step back, the doors will open!

What to expect when you arrive in our building

As you go through the main doors, you will enter our café space.





You will be greeted by a member of staff in a blue t-shirt. This is one of our friendly Hullabaloo Hosts. They are available to answer any questions you might have and to show you where you need to go. They might also play with you.

Here is a story book and toy corner.



This is the view to the right as you enter the building.



This is the view to the left as you enter the building. From here the café staff serve food and drink and we have a craft table.



These photographs show an empty café. When you visit The Hullabaloo there will probably be other people in the building.

SENSORY KEY



- You might smell strong food and drink smells in the café as the staff prepare orders for other people.
- You may hear the sound of the doorbell when other people arrive.
- You will be able to hear music playing in the background.
- This area may become crowded as more people arrive for the show and to use our Creative Play space.
- There may be an announcement played to tell everyone that a show is about to start in the theatre space. This will only be on days we have a show.

Creative Play



In the middle of the café there are two dark grey doors - this is our Creative Play space and this is where there are lots of fun things to play with!

There may be a short wait to enter the play space at busy times. Our Hullabaloo Host will let you know if there is space to play immediately or whether you need to be added to the waiting list.

Here's an example of what the play space might look like:



Our Theatre space

This is the theatre space where the shows take place and also some of our activities. The photo shows an empty space and you can see our seating. The lights are also on but during a show this space will be darker. We have two entrances / exits for the theatre - one at the top of the stairs and one on the ground floor.



Before a show, an announcement might be made in the café space when the theatre is open.

When you enter the theatre your grown-up will be able to help you find a space to sit.

You might also hear another announcement when you are sitting down inside the theatre.

SENSORY KEY

- At the end of the performance, you may hear clapping from the audience to show that they have enjoyed watching the performance. You can join in if you want to.
- You're welcome to discuss what you're seeing with your grown-up, or other people in your group.



Toilets

We have toilets and accessible toilets in The Hullabaloo.



SENSORY KEY

- We only have paper towels to dry your hands in the ladies toilets so there won't be any hand dryer sounds in there.



There is a Changing Places toilet available directly next door at Darlington Hippodrome.

We also have one separate baby changing facility that does not have a toilet in it.



Outside Play space

During the spring, summer and autumn we open our outside play space which is full of fun toys!



We hope you had a great time
and we'd love to see you again soon!



MY VISIT

My favourite part about today was:

I played with:

The visit made me feel:



☐ Happy



☐ Excited



☐ Angry



☐ Sad

