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**PARENT'S  
GUIDE**



Welcome  
to **FOCUS!**



## DEAR PARENTS

We can't wait to welcome you to Focus! Our aim is to make this week the best week of your child's year! This year, we are going on an **outer space adventure** as we are exploring how God's love is out of this world.

Please take some time to read through this guide as it will hopefully help answer any questions you may have.

The guide is designed specifically for parents of Focus Kids. Parents of Focus Youth can find all the information about groups and programmes for secondary-aged children on the website.

If you've never been to Focus before, why not buddy up with a family in your church who can share all their hints and tips?

We very much hope that Focus will be a blessing to you and your children.



Sam & Archie Coates  
HTB Network Leaders



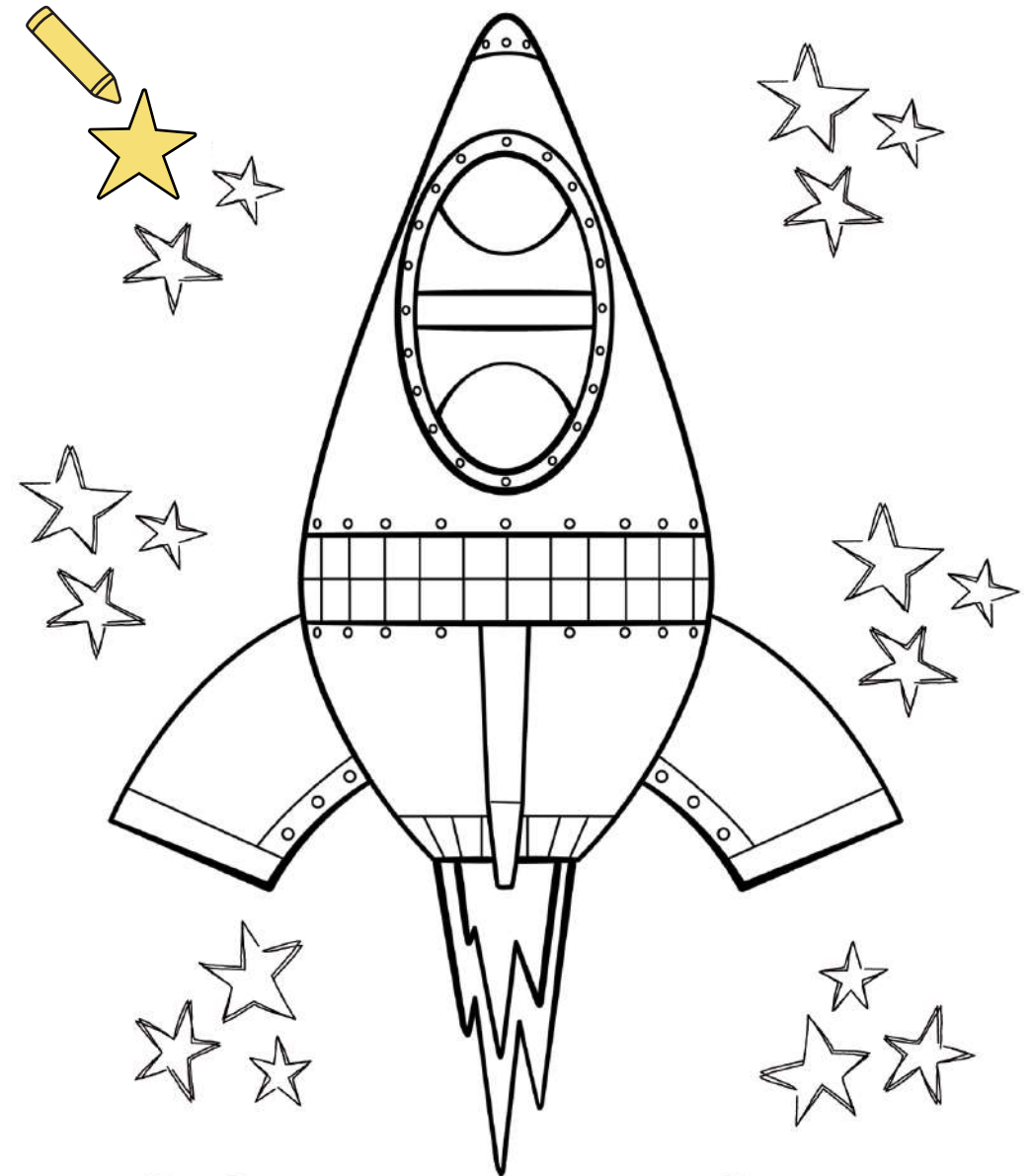
Sarah Jeffery  
Head of Focus Kids



Get ready  
**space**  
**explorers,**  
God thinks the  
**world** of you  
and is excited about all  
he has planned for  
**your** life!

Join us on an out-of-this-world adventure in the space themed Focus Kids Village where we will be learning about our great big God and his ultimate rescue plan!

**BLAST OFF!**



**GOD INVITES ME  
ON A BIG  
ADVENTURE**



# AT FOCUS THIS YEAR

## Location of the Kids Village

This year the Kids Village will be found next to the Big Top, making drop-offs and pick-ups quicker and easier for you. Check out the last page to see our brand new site map! The kid's village is fenced off and is only accessible via the registration festihut.

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## Soft play and playgrounds

There will be a small soft play section in the Kids Village to use during the sessions. There will also be a soft-play bus inside the Play Café where your kids can let off some steam. The Play Café will be a dry, indoor space that parents can utilise throughout the week.

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## Baby bathing venue

There will be two dedicated baby bathing venues within the camping village, with six baths in each, to make campsite bath and bed times easier! It'll be open from 4.00pm to 7.00 pm every day and there will be hot and cold running water.

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## Food options

There will be a variety of food stalls with plenty of child-friendly options including vegetarian and vegan meals.

# CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Your child's age group at Focus Kids is the age he or she will be on 1 September 2022.

## Under 1s at Focus

Parents with babies are welcome in the Big Top. As you look at the stage, on the right hand side of the venue there will be space for chairs with pushchairs next to them. This is a quieter part of the venue and is also near the exit, should you need to get out quickly. There will also be a covered space outside the Big Top to park pushchairs.

The Play Café, will be open during the morning Big Top celebration. This is a place for you to come and go with your baby, feed or let them play whilst you watch the talks on a screen, connect with other parents and receive prayer. Coffee, tea and snacks will be available to purchase.

## Nursery Zone: 1s and 2s

(Morning session only)

1s and 2s will meet in the NURSERY ZONE of the Kids Village! Your child will be looked after by a dedicated member of the team who will be responsible for your child and one or two other children at all times during the session.

Your child will be free to explore a variety of 'mini venues' within the Nursery Zone with their leader and new friends, including a sandpit, mini play park, soft play, sensory play, water play, story time venue and arts and crafts. They will also enjoy their own worship time with loads of bubbles and musical instruments!

## 3s and 4s

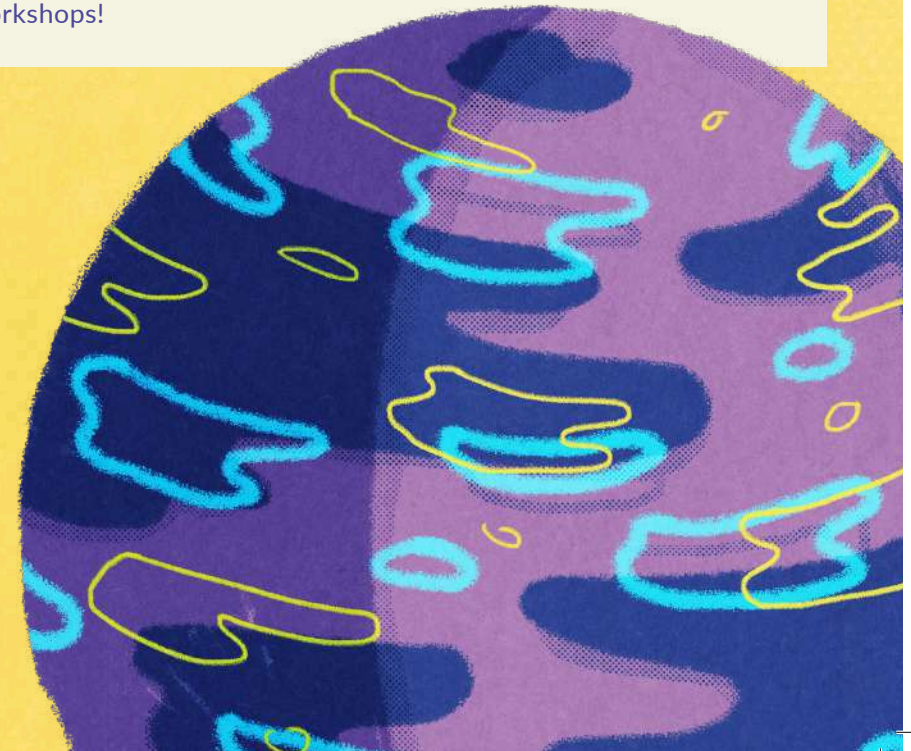
(Morning session only)

3s and 4s will meet in the first hall of the Kids Village. Your child will be in a little group with five or six other friends and looked after by two small group leaders. They will have a structured morning with some upfront teaching, small group activities, puppets, drama, worship and prayer. They will also enjoy a variety of activities such as soft play, arts and craft and more.

## 5s and 6s

(Morning session only)

5s and 6s will meet in the third hall along in the Kids Village. Your child will be in a pre-assigned small group of kids with two leaders. They will spend the morning on a wild adventure – deepening friendships and enjoying a fun-packed session of drama, a mini talk, worship, big games, competitions and much more. They will also take part in a variety of activities such as craft, wide games, sport and dance workshops!



## 7s to 10s

(Morning session only)

Anyone aged 7-10 years old will be in the same venue this year - in the last hall on the left in the Kids Village. Your child will be in a pre-assigned small group of kids with two leaders. They will spend each morning and evening becoming outer space explorers, learning about God's love for them and how to live wholeheartedly for Jesus. The week will be a fun-packed time where new and life-long friendships are formed, with worship, prayer, a talk, drama, games, endless entertainment and a daily choice of activities. There will be something for everyone!

## Our Space: 1s to 10s

(Morning only for 1s to 6s; morning and evening for 7s to 10s)

Our Space is a venue for children aged 10 years or younger who have any kind of additional need. We take 'additional needs' to mean requiring extra or different help from that given to other children of the same age.

Children who come to Our Space will have one-to-one support. They and their parents will be able to work out with their one-to-one helper (AKA 'buddy') how they would like to spend the sessions - whether in the Focus Kids programme in their relevant age group, in Our Space, or in a combination of these. On the booking form you should have been able to fill out a form with details about your child and how we can best support them. If you want to share any more information or ask any questions please contact our team at [focuskids@htb.org](mailto:focuskids@htb.org) and we'd love to help support you.

Our Space will be led by a great group of leaders and 'buddies', and the activities will follow the Focus Kids themes.

We hope your child will have an out-of-this-world adventure with God throughout the Focus weekend!



# DROP-OFF AND COLLECTION

Please drop off and collect your children promptly to and from their sessions. (See times on the Kids Programme on the next page.)

All children aged 8 and under must be taken to and collected from their groups by their parents or guardians using the coloured card system.

## Don't forget!

### 0s to 4s should arrive with:

- Sun cream applied
- A clean nappy on, if still in nappies
- A bag with a sun hat, water cup, a change of clothes and some spare nappies or underwear

Water will be available at all times and we will provide a snack and wipes.

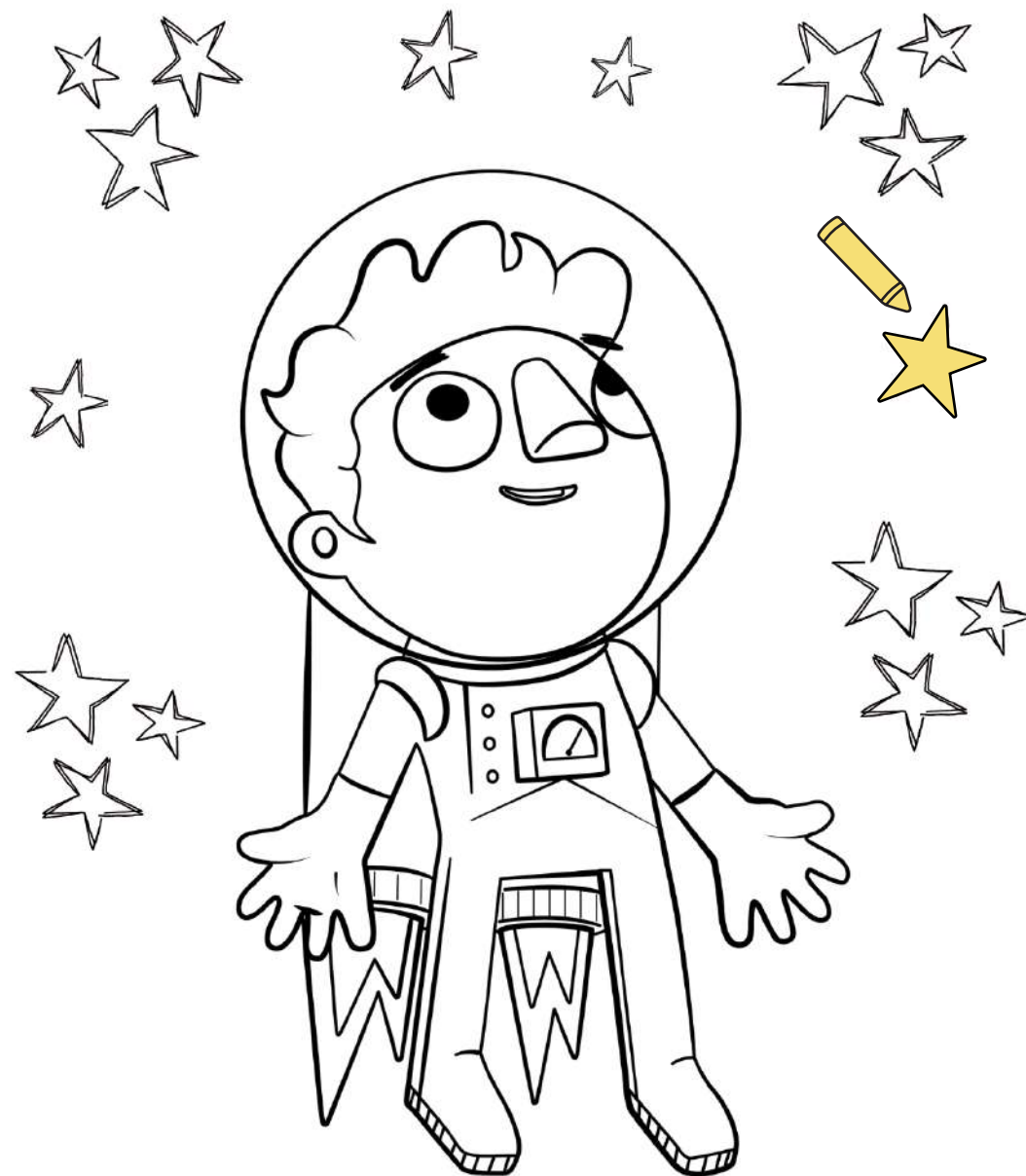
### 5s to 10s should arrive with:

- Sun cream applied
- A sun hat
- A water bottle

Water will be available at all times and we will provide a snack.

**The Focus Kids Village is a NUT FREE ZONE.**

Please do not let your kids come to groups with any nuts.



**THE GOD WHO  
MADE THE STARS  
MADE ME!**

# KIDS PROGRAMME

Here is a summary of the programme for your kids at Focus.  
For more details, visit the Focus website.

## THURSDAY

- 10.00 am Registration
- 12.00 pm – 4.00 pm Family fun day at the Canopy by the Food Court
- 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm Drop-in session; come and meet your kids team leader and ask any questions you might have.
- 7.15 pm – 8.30 pm First 7s-10s evening session

## FRIDAY

- 9.30 am – 10.00 am Family worship
- 10.00 am Registration and Kids morning session begins!
- 12.30 pm End of Kids morning session
- 7.15 pm – 8.30 pm 7-10s Second night of Kids programme

## SATURDAY

- 9.30 am – 10.00 am Family worship
- 10.00 am Registration and Kids morning session begins!
- 12.30 pm End of Kids morning session
- 2.30 pm Family activities in Kids Village
- 7.15 pm – 8.30 pm 7s-10s Kids programme



Sunday is our fancy dress day!  
The theme is **OUTER SPACE** -  
come in your best outfit!

## SUNDAY

- 9.30 am – 10.00 am Family worship
- 10.00 am Registration and Kids morning session begins!
- 12.30 pm End of Kids morning session
- 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm Final Big Top Celebration for all guests  
(no Kids programme in the evening for 7s-10s).

**All children are invited with their families and carers.**





## FAMILY FUN

There are a number of special sessions and events taking place throughout the week aimed particularly at families. We hope you enjoy all that's on offer in our family timetable.

### Family Fun Day

Thursday

12.00 pm – 4.00 pm

The Canopy in the Paddock

The Family Fun Day is offered for families arriving on Thursday although the official programme doesn't start until Friday evening. Head to the central food court area between 12.00 pm and 4.00 pm for fun activities for you and your children to get involved in!

### Our Space Big Indoor Picnic

Sunday

12.30 pm – 2.00 pm

The Play Café, sponsored by Compassion

All families and teams involved with Our Tent (and Our Hut for Focus Youth) are warmly invited to bring lunch and join our community picnic. Drinks, fruit, tables and chairs provided.

### Treasure Hunt

Saturday

From 1.00 pm

Ask the Kids Team where to start the trail

Take part in our family treasure hunt that leads you all over the site to look for clues in key locations.

### Family Silent Disco

Sunday

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

5s and 6s Kids Tent

Grab a family member or friend and dance the afternoon away at a silent disco featuring all your favourite tunes!

### Family Movies and Crafts

Thursday – Sunday

5s and 6s Kids Tent

We will be screening a family movie every afternoon.

Bring your young children and a bag of popcorn. Basic craft activities will be available for those with a shorter attention span! Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

# FAMILY CAMPING TIPS

Here are some top tips for things that will make your camping experience as a family go as smoothly as possible.

## Tent and bedding

- Test your camping gear out in your back garden to make sure your tent is the right size and you're warm enough at night, especially if you've never camped before.
- Invest in a good quality sleeping bag for cold nights. Even on the hottest of days, night times in the UK can get cold.
- Bed socks, blankets and hot water bottles are also good for keeping cosy.
- If you're taking an airbed or inflatable mattress, bring a blanket to go underneath it, to avoid the cold rising from the ground.
- Bring practical bits like bin bags, tape, cleaning wipes, kitchen roll, tea towels, carrier bags, portable chargers, and flip flops/ outdoor slippers for the shower room.
- Make your tent feel homely with fairy lights, cushions, throws, fold up chairs and bunting.
- Bring earplugs for the family as nature can be noisy!



## Food

- If you are signed up for catered camping with your church community, you won't need to worry about main meals. Snacks like pre-made banana bread, cereal bars, crisps and packets of noodles are handy for between meals.
- If you're cooking for your family, foods that can be heated up on a small stove, like rice bags or couscous, can easily be added to with tinned veg and spices.
- If you haven't signed up for the catered camping package, a mini stove is handy for making the morning tea or coffee.
- Potatoes wrapped in tin foil are fun to cook over a campfire.
- Marshmallows are a lovely campfire treat for the kids.
- Bring plastic boxes for storing food, cups, saucers and utensils.
- Bring fruit that keeps e.g. apples and pears rather than berries.
- Small individual packets of food and snacks (and long-life juice) are more likely to last.

# PACKING LIST

This list is a suggestion of what to pack. If this is your first time camping, it's also a good idea to ask friends with families for good camping tips and hacks.

## Kit

- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Roll mat or airbed
- Travel pillow
- Blanket
- Camping stool/chair
- Stove/gas
- Pots/pans
- Coffee pot
- Picnic mat
- Hot water bottle
- Earplugs
- Eye mask
- Mat for tent entrance
- Dustpan and brush
- Bunting/flags
- Battery powered fan
- Washing up equipment
- Cool box and ice packs

## Toiletries

- Shampoo and shower gel
- Sun cream
- Dry shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Travel towel
- Makeup
- Hairbrush
- Wash bag
- Hand sanitiser
- Insect repellent
- Plasters
- Antibacterial wipes
- Small mirror
- Deodorant
- Lip balm
- After sun
- Insect bite and sting cream
- Kids' bubble bath

## Misc

- Re-fillable water bottle
- Phone and charger
- Portable battery pack
- Torch
- Batteries
- Notepad and pen
- Cards/games/frisbee
- Umbrella
- Bible
- Money
- Books/magazines/Kindle
- Outdoor games
- Headlamp
- Hanging clothes organiser
- Bottle/tin opener
- Fridge bags
- Washing line and pegs
- Night light
- Scooters/bikes

## Clothes

- Warm pyjamas
- Hoodie or fleece
- Hat
- Wellies
- Flip-flops
- Sunglasses
- Bed socks
- Waterproof jacket

## Babies/Toddlers

- Nappies
- Baby wipes
- Nappy rash cream
- Powdered milk
- Snacks
- Infant pain relief medicine
- Play mat
- Favourite toys
- Colouring books
- Jug for bath time
- Towels
- Portable cot
- Snooze shade
- Foldable pushchair

# HELPFUL INFORMATION

## Arrival

When you arrive on site, you will be able to drive to your camping area to drop off your luggage and then park your car in the car parking area. Please note that the event space will be a car-free zone!

## Check-in information

The site opens at 12.00 noon on Thursday 28 July, and guests are welcome to arrive on Thursday or on Friday as the full programme doesn't begin until Thursday evening.

This year, registration will be located in The Paddock. On arrival, anyone needing to pick up wristbands may park in the parking bays to collect them.

Those who received the wristbands in the post should head straight to their camping pitch to unload before dropping off cars in the carpark.

## Directions

Address: Newark Showground, Lincoln Rd, Coddington,  
Newark NG24 2NY

Follow the Focus AA road signs for 'Guest Entrance'.

## Shops

For the basics or a few emergency supplies, the on-site Farm Shop and Tent2Hire camping shop are open throughout the weekend. Check the website for a full list of what's available.

There are a variety of supermarkets surrounding the Focus site; please visit the Local Information page on our webpage for more detail.

## Food deliveries

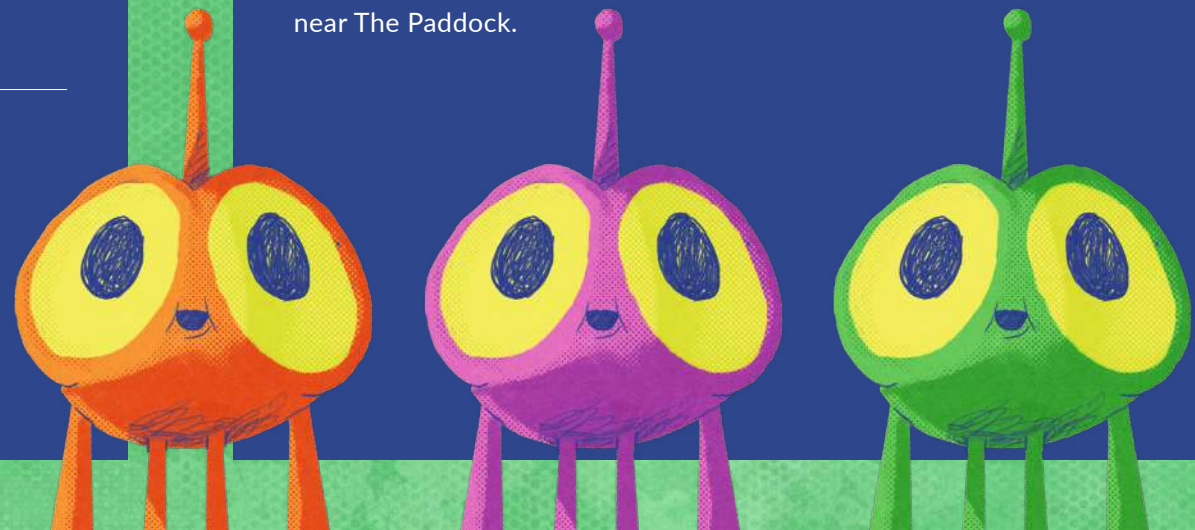
Thursday 3.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Friday to Tuesday 8.00 am – 8.00 pm

You can also do your shopping online and arrange for it to be delivered to you. You'll need to make sure you've provided the supermarket with a mobile number, the postcode of the contractors' site entrance (NG24 2NY) and which colour zone you are in. They will call you when they have arrived so that you can come (with some helping hands) and collect your purchases from the delivery point at the entrance of each zone.

## Ice pack exchange

You can exchange your freezer packs or buy new ones at the Info Hut, near The Paddock.



# SAFETY ON SITE

Your children's safety is our number one priority. We would ask that you read through the following guidance to help keep your children safe at Focus.

## Parents are not to leave site when children are in a session

We ask parents not to leave the site when children are under the care of Focus Kids and Focus Youth as you will need to be readily contactable.

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## Out of sessions behaviour

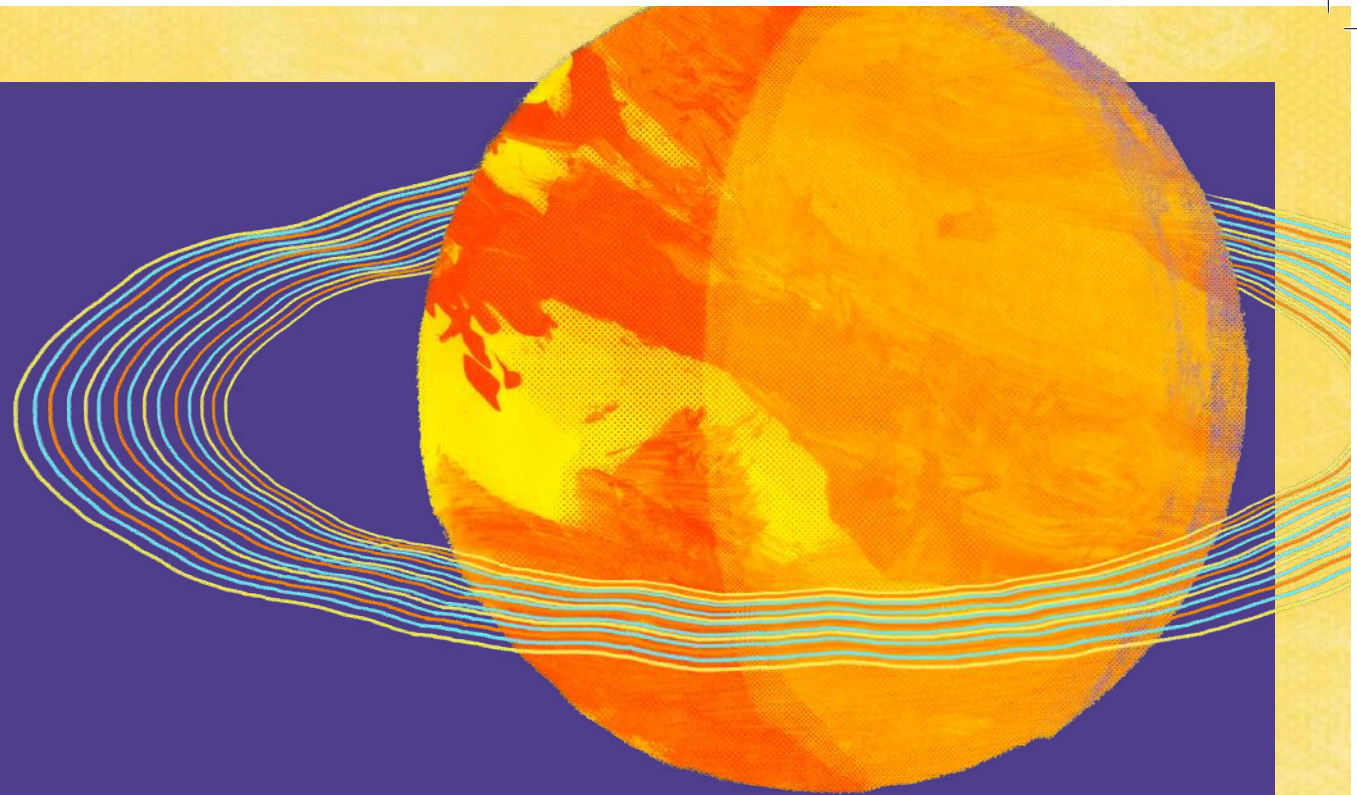
Parents and guardians are responsible for their children and teenagers at all times outside their scheduled sessions at Focus Kids and Focus Youth.

This includes ensuring that they get to bed at a suitable time and that they don't prevent others from sleeping, particularly in the late evening or early morning.

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## Bicycles

During the main programme, all bicycles must be stowed in the marked areas around the bigger venues and locked securely. Please note that e-cycles/e-scooters/e-skateboards **are not permitted on site.**



## Missing children

Missing children should be reported at the main Info Hut. All reports of lost children are dealt with as a priority with an immediate on-site response.

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## First aid

There will be a first aid tent next to the Focus Youth building again this year with trained paramedics. The Kids Team are well equipped for handling first aid cases, and many are first aid trained volunteers.

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## GDPR

Video and photography will be taking place on site, done in a sensitive way, to be used for future promotional material. If you do not consent to your child being included in this, please collect an orange wristband from the Info Hut, which will help us avoid including them in any footage or photos.



# WORD SEARCH

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Can you find the 10 words below?

- Space
- Earth
- Stars
- Alien
- Astronaut
- Solar
- Milkyway
- Planet
- Moon
- Rocket

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