

High Path Together

High Path Area, Abbey Ward

Monday 17th August – Friday 28th August 2026

A hyper-local approach to work together with families

What is it?

'High Path Together' is a place-based, multi-agency intervention providing targeted support for children and families in the High Path area of the Abbey Ward in Merton. The programme will be delivered over two weeks in August, offering a range of interventions and support around , child development, emotional wellbeing, parenting finances, and access to local services.

This is a pilot approach to test how strengthened access to preventative services (including, drop-in sessions, bespoke family support, signposting, advice and community events) may improve outcomes for children and families. This intervention will also provide valuable insights as to the ingredients that support and enhance integrated working through multi disciplinary approaches.



Key objectives



Improve School Readiness

- Increase the number of children achieving a **Good Level of Developing (GLD)** by age 5.
- Strengthen links between Merton Abbey Primary School, Family Hubs and early years services
- Support more families to access childcare, parenting support and early help before children start school

Tackle Child Poverty

- Connect families with employment, skills, benefits and financial advice services
- Increase household income and financial stability through improved access to support
- Help families maximise benefits and employment opportunities

Increase Access to Early Support

- Improve awareness and uptake of local community, health and family services.
- Reach families who may not currently be accessing support.
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The Need

Merton's JSNA and other health profile data provides context for this intervention. Whilst the Abbey ward is generally affluent, ward level data reveals a significant variation at the neighbourhood level.



Key Deliverables

- A refined local needs profile, with clear evidence base for Abbey pilot.
- A coordinated place-based early help and engagement offer for families.
- A learning and oversight model to inform future locality-based approaches