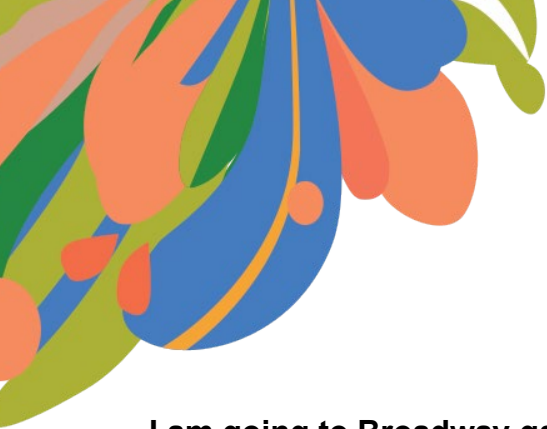


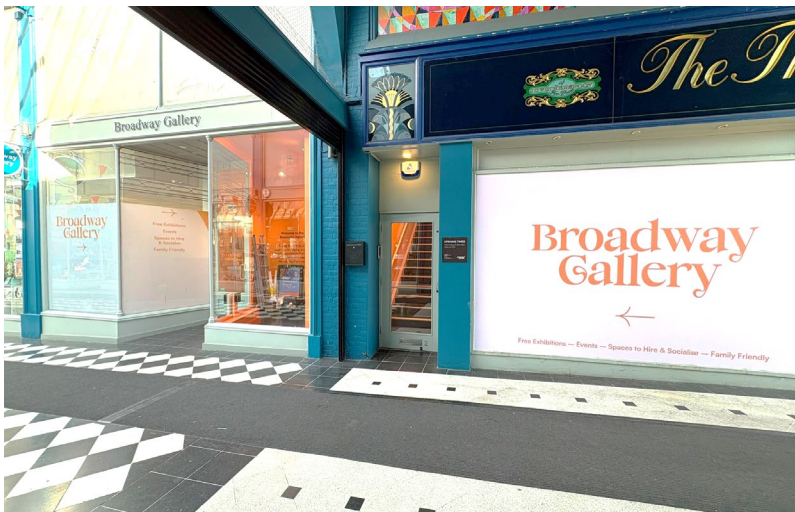


Play! Discover! Share! Social Story

I am going to Broadway gallery in Letchworth, to take part in 'Play! Discover! Share!'.

'Play! Discover! Share!' is made up of different types of arts sessions with different session leaders (these are like fun teachers!). Or I might just go to enjoy the space and some of the activities left out for me to enjoy in my own time.

1. When I arrive at the entrance of the gallery, it will look like this:



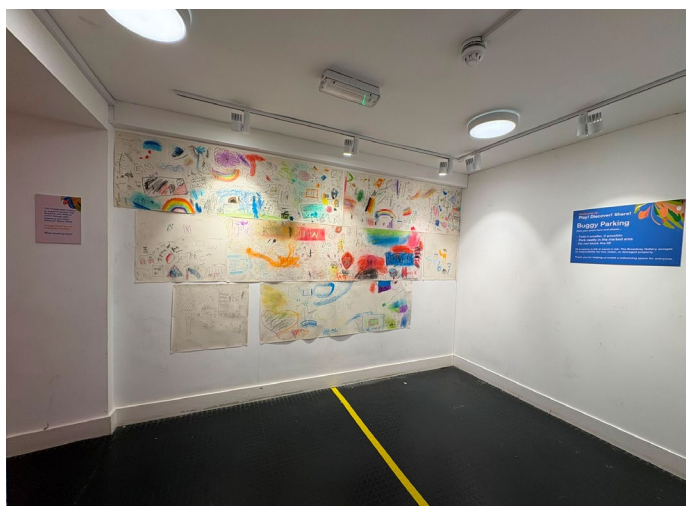
2. There are two ways of going upstairs to the gallery. I could take the lift:



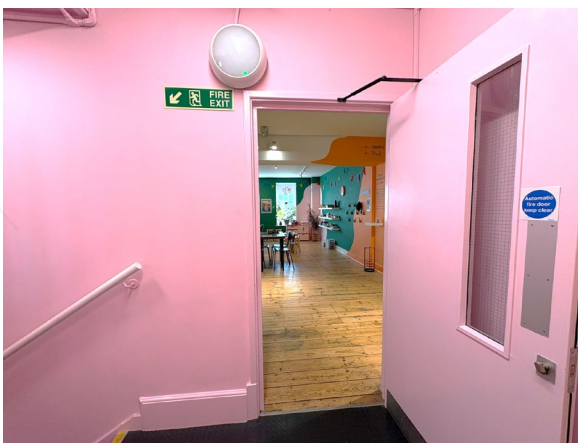
3. Or I could take the stairs, which go up and around the corner.



4. This is what it will look like when I step out of the lift:



5. Or it will look like this as I get to the top of the stairs:



6. Whether I arrive by lift or stairs, I will turn left to arrive in the first gallery space – this is the green seated area.



7. This is the area with the welcome desk. I will see some chairs and tables and long windows. This is where I might see some people doing drawing, lego or games or just relaxing and having some snacks from the snack table.



I have arrived at Play! Discover! Share!

One of the members of staff will meet me soon and say hello. This will be Mollie or Alexa, or one of the volunteers. They are all very friendly!

Mollie



Alexa



Becky



8. And there is no need to worry if I can't spot them at first, as they might be in another part of the gallery but will be back here soon. I might even hear the sounds of an art or drama session taking place in the space nearby.

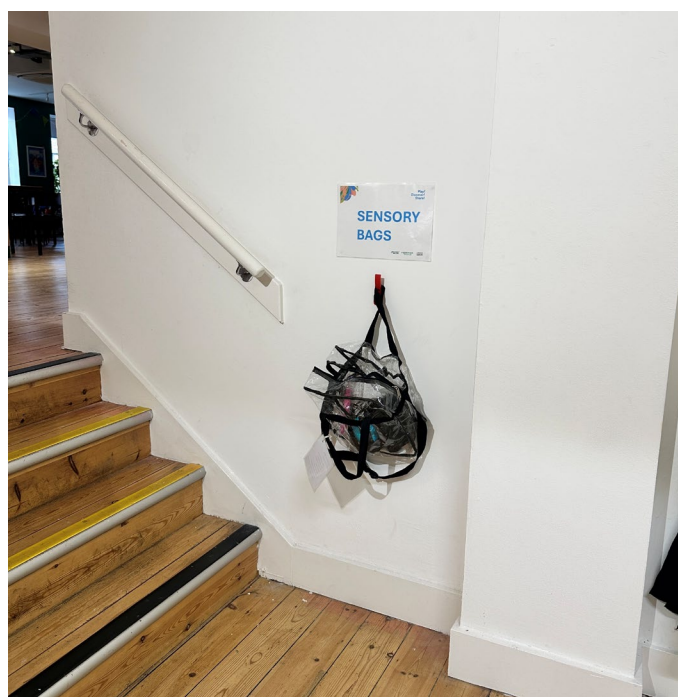
I can take a seat and wait here or, if I want to, I can explore.



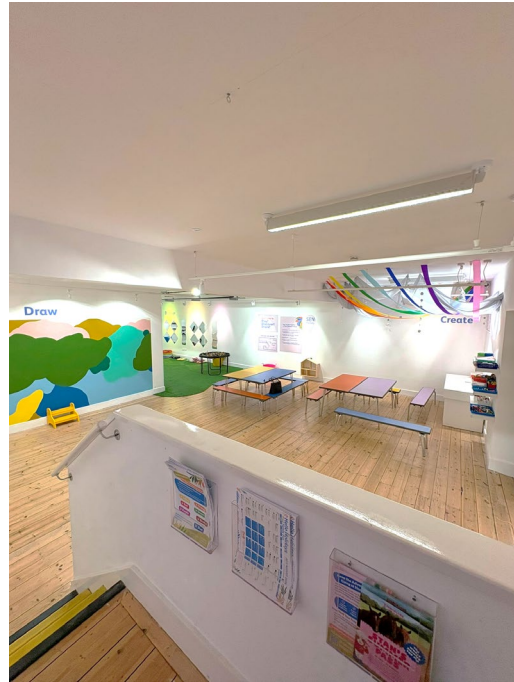
9. If I feel a little bit anxious there is no need to worry, there are 2 sensory bags with ear defenders and other items (including a squishy ball, a liquid timer, a spikey ball, a fidget tangle, sunglasses and a cuddly squirrel) on the left just where I came in.



10. If they are currently being used, I can always ask for one of the other sensory bags located around the space (including one kept behind the welcome desk).



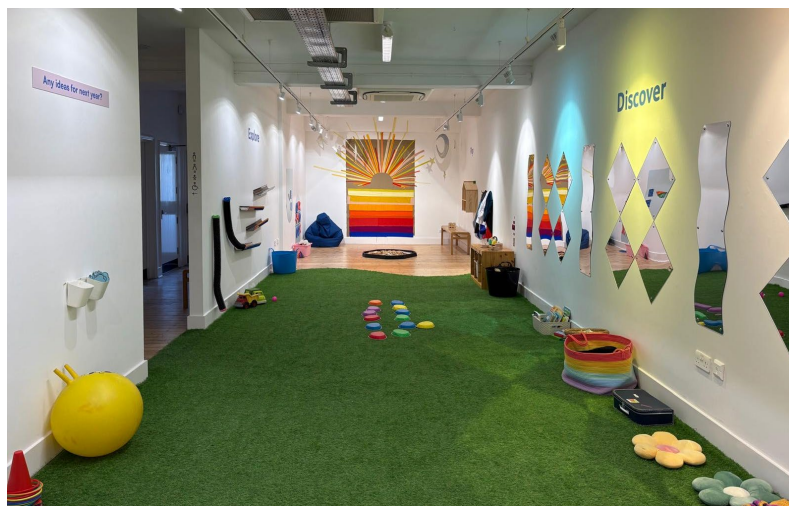
11. If I have come to Play! Discover! Share! to do an activity with a session leader, I will go down the stairs and into the gallery space where I will meet my session leader.



12. When I get there, I will see some tables and benches. These are sometimes laid out in different ways depending on the activity.



13. There is also an area with pretend grass and items to play with on the left.



And on the right, there is a relaxed area with books to read and beanbags to sit on.



I can explore these spaces as I wish.

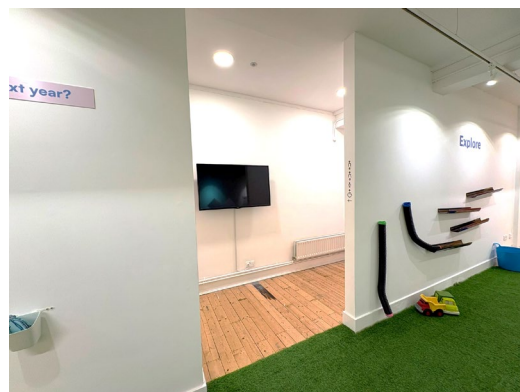
14. Sometimes it might be a little noisy, especially during group activities, but if at any time I need some quiet space, there is a quiet corner for me in the Lounge area.



15. In here I will find some comfy seats and another sensory bag with fidget toys (including a squishy ball, a liquid timer, a spikey ball, a fidget tangle, sunglasses and a cuddly squirrel). I can stay here as long as I want to.



16. And if I need the toilet, these are very close by too. I can find these by walking over the grass and going through the gap on the left.



17. There are male and female toilets, as well as an accessible toilet (gender neutral) and a baby change.



**18. All the staff are here to help me so that I can enjoy all the fun of Play!
Discover! Share! All I need to do is ask if I am worried.**

And if I don't want to join in that is always OK.

Or if I only want to do part of an activity that is always OK too.

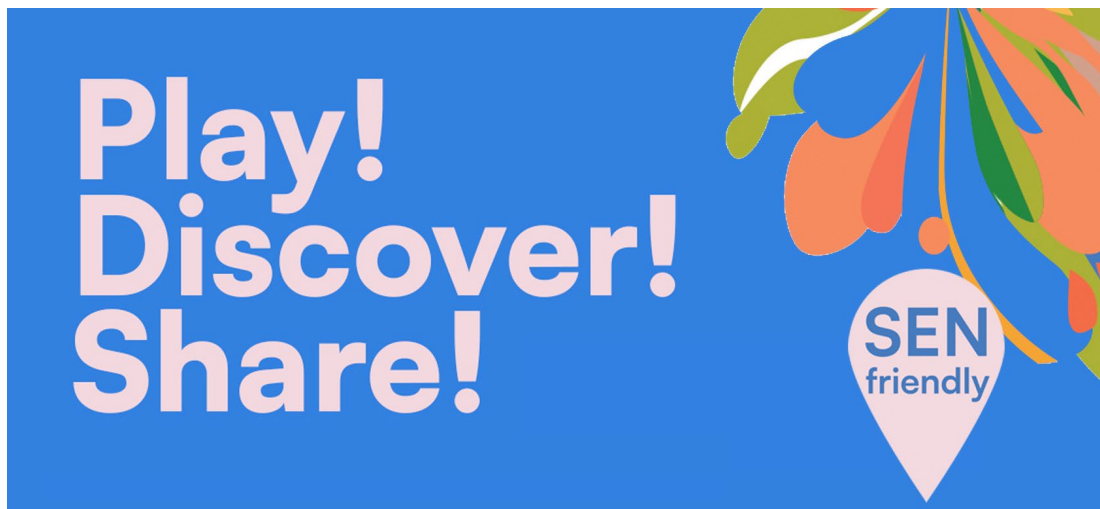


19. And I can try some snacks if I would like to but I don't have to. That is OK too.



20. Each activity session lasts an hour but if I ever want to know how much longer there is left I can always ask the session leader, a volunteer or Jenny or Mollie.

There are lots of things to do at Play! Discover! Share! and I can stay for as long or as short a time as I want. All I need to do is tell my parent or care giver when I am ready to go.



Play! Discover! Share! is a fun place to be and I can ask for help whenever I need it. There are people there to support me. The Broadway gallery and Play! Discover! Share! is a place for everyone.