



EXTENDED SERVICES REPORT



2009-2010

As many of you are aware, by September 2010 all children and young people will have access to **Extended Services** in and around their school. A range of well-organised, safe and stimulating activities before and after school can make a real difference to children's chances at school. It gives them the opportunity to keep fit and healthy, acquire new skills, to build their self-confidence, to embed what they have learned at school that day, or simply to have fun and relax with their friends. In addition, children, young people and families who are experiencing difficulties will have access to specialist support services and help when and where they require it. Schools are increasingly meeting the needs of the community and opening their doors and facilities to local residents.

To ensure that we were fully meeting Government and local targets for **Extended Services** by September 2010, the Cams and Portchester schools joined forces with Community Action Fareham in 2007. This enabled representatives from both the voluntary and statutory services to work effectively with the Cams and Portchester Partnership schools (or **CAPP**) to deliver excellent quality services. We achieved our targets to deliver a "**Full Core Offer**" of services well ahead of our deadlines.

Extended Services Projects 2009/10 - Update



Rather than wasting time distributing newsletters to all of our stakeholders, Susie Higgs (CAPP Coordinator) uses a partnership web site to keep stakeholders up to date about funding, events, ideas and new initiatives. A **monthly report** is also posted on this site in the form of a **light-hearted blog**. Please feel free to follow us at: www.farehamES.org.uk.



To effectively reach local families with information about services and events, a **Portchester Community** web site is managed by Portchester Community Centre. Visit: www.portchesterpeople.org.uk to view local services.

To enable schools to **signpost local services** to families, our CAPP primary schools have an external extended services notice-board to advertise events and support services to their families.



At Portchester Community School an extended services partnership between the Police, Fire and Youth Service resulted in a Community Award winning inclusion project 'Ubuntu'; which encompasses the school's ethos of Rights, Respect and Responsibilities. This has just completed its second year with a small group of carefully selected pupils, many of whom have been identified as potentially at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education,

Employment or Training). Read more about this prize-winning partnership project at: www.farehames.org.uk/July10blog.htm.

Another project, incorporating the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme shall be commencing at Cams Hill School shortly, so we look forward to seeing the extended services camping equipment put to good use.

To support parents and provide them with an effective toolkit for coping with their children's ages and stages of development, the extended services coordinator has been working closely with the District Parent Support Officer to ensure there is access to the essential one-to-one support for parents and carers when they need it most. With the assistance of our excellent CAPP Parent Support Advisors (Wendy Sawyers & Alison Rowe), alongside our Children's Centre Family Outreach Workers and Portsmouth Relate - extended services grant funding is being allocated to ensure all families can access Parenting Programmes, Family Counselling and seamless Parenting Support until March 2011.



A partnership between our schools and the Ashcroft Arts Centre has seen after-school dance, drama and craft sessions at many of our primary schools to increase the varied menu of activities on offer.



Another successful extended services supported project has seen the birth of an Acting Academy, located at Cams Hill School but accessible to children and young people from all schools in the area. The Academy occasionally invites guests to teach specialist techniques such as stage fighting and sword work – perfect for our budding Shakespearian Actors!



Funding has also been allocated to support many one-off events over the past year. For instance, a recent Family Information Day in Portchester Precinct saw an extended services funded Maritime Bus make a very popular appearance. This successful community event, organised by the Neighbourhood Police Team, helped many agencies engage with local residents.

This is just one example of community engagement projects that extended services makes a contribution – not simply by offering resources; but offering support and information, links to local groups, and engagement with schools. Occasionally the Extended Services Coordinator can even be found with a paintbrush and a palate of face paints at these events!

We are delighted that **Red Barn Primary School** will be undergoing some major changes during 2011. A substantial amount of **Extended Services Capital Funding** has been granted to the school to turn the existing pre-school area into a fantastic community space for use by various groups, including outreach for Keepsake Children’s Centre. But please do not worry that we are putting the pre-school out on the street – they have also been granted additional funding for a new pre-school to be built in the school grounds.



If you live in the Fareham area then you cannot have failed to miss an advertising flyer about **Cams Community Club**. This incredibly successful extended services project, born back in October 2009, has seen older residents accessing Cams Hill School to participate in a variety of activities during the school day. Initially this was the result of a small grant from the Hampshire

County Council Older People’s Well-Being Team secured by Extended Services, with an effective partnership (and additional funding) with Fareham Borough Council, Age Concern (with ‘Fit as a Fiddle Funding’) and Cams Hill School. If you have not already seen my editorial in the latest Hampshire Now Special Edition, then please see the link to the online version at:

<http://www.farehames.org.uk/July10blog.htm>.

Another large-scale project for 2009/10 has been to set up and manage additional extended services ‘ring-fenced’ funding (the Disadvantage Subsidy) that arrived at Community Action Fareham in the spring/summer term 2010. The word ‘disadvantage’ was not popular with the Fareham Extended Services Coordinators; therefore the Fareham Subsidy was quickly re-named and soon became known in our area as the:



L.E.A.P Advantage Subsidy

(Learn, Enjoy and Achieve through Participation)

In short, the L.E.A.P Advantage Subsidy provides additional funding to help Fareham schools ensure that out of hours activities (including those off-site such as Sea-Scouts and Cadet Forces) are accessible to pupils who would otherwise not be able to afford or access them. The aim is to support children’s well-being, narrow the attainment gap and improve aspirations for all pupils irrespective of their personal circumstances.

For more information about this funding, how it is being distributed, managed and monitored in Fareham, please feel free to pick up a leaflet about **L.E.A.P** from the Reception Area at Community Action Fareham. If you know of a group providing a service to children or young people who would like to get involved, then please contact **Susie Higgs**, **L.E.A.P** Coordinator.

Beyond 2011

The political landscape is changing, funding sources are becoming harder to find and the future of extended services beyond March 2011 is uncertain. Over the past few years extended services has been a pathfinder for partnership working, signposting and information sharing in schools throughout Hampshire. It has also been influential in establishing joined-up local services to support vulnerable infants, children, young people and their families.

In simple terms...it has been the glue that sticks it all together!

Until we have news from the new Department for Education about the future of extended services, may I take this opportunity to say a big thank all of our partnership schools and their community partners for their contribution. Well done to you all for reaching our target!

Warmest wishes

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