

## FEEDBACK - PORTCHESTER HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME SUMMER 2008

Portchester summer holiday play-scheme was a partnership project between Portchester Community & Children's Centre and Fareham East Extended Services. The Ofsted registered play-scheme ran over the period of two weeks at Portchester Methodist Church (weekdays only). The scheme ran from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008, from 0900hrs to 1200hrs each day at a charge of £8.00 per session (with discounts available for block weekly booking/siblings) and was aimed at 4-11 year olds with activities planned to address this age group.

Activities included the following:

Clay modelling/paper-maché

Paints/crayons/chalk/glitter & other creative craft materials

Lego & construction toys

Board games

Needlework & working with various craft materials (fur, felt, wool etc.)

Healthy (non-cook) cookery

Jigsaw puzzles

Swing-ball/table-top football/outdoor games

Competitions/karaoke/face painting/entertainer

All users were asked for feedback to guide future provision on two forms; one for parents and one for children. The children's feedback form was designed for use by even the youngest child (see attached example). Feelings were displayed using various emoticons and the children could select how they felt during the scheme by choosing the appropriate face. The following choices were given: Sad, Happy, Bored, Excited, Frightened, Fed-Up, Lonely, Safe, Shy, Interested, Ok or Other (represented by a blank emoticon where children could record their own facial expression). Children were instructed that they could select more than one emoticon to express their feelings during the scheme.

Thirteen of the sixteen replies received by the children marked on their forms that they felt 'happy' during the play scheme, with six of these stating that they also felt 'safe'.

Four children selected 'ok' and four children selected 'interested' and two children had selected excited.

Negative emoticons had not been selected by any of the children.

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Children's comments including the following:

*"I had a nice time",  
"I would like to come back",  
"I had fun",  
"I had fun and made more friends",  
"Thank you".*

The younger children (under 7 years) commented that they particularly enjoyed sewing, cooking, art and games. Many of the over 7 age group commented that they enjoyed swing-ball, cooking and construction toys.

Parental feedback was also very positive; particularly in relation to the relationship with staff members and confidence at leaving their children in their care. There were no negative comments received although many parents commented that more physical space for the play-scheme and more outdoor play would be their main suggestion for future provision. One parent also felt that more activities for older children (age 10-11 years) may further improve provision in the future.

Positive parental comments include the following:

*"My child has had a lovely time at the play-scheme and will definitely be booking him in for next year. Thank you very much for looking after him so well and enjoy the rest of the summer"*  
*"My son and daughter have both really enjoyed coming"*  
*"Very creative"*  
*"Really creative"*  
*"I felt very confident in leaving him there"*  
*"All in all very impressed, good value for money and we'll use this service again"*

Both the children and their parents' comments and suggestions on the summer 2008 play-scheme shall be used to shape future provision and may be used as evidence/impact for further funding.

In summary the users of Portchester summer holiday play-scheme 2008 were satisfied with the service provided and would feel positive about using provision again.