

Horncastle & Area Schools Extended Provision Newsletter 1 October 2010

Every Child Matters In Lincolnshire



What is Extended Provision?

Extended Provision is a National Government initiative, all about schools working together with other community organisations to improve the lives of our children & young people.

All schools in Lincolnshire will be working in clusters alongside community partners to ensure that families have access to *varied activities for their children, parenting and family support* and *easy access to specialist services*. *Community access to schools* (e.g. Adult Education) should also be available.

These aims are explained further on in this newsletter.

About the Horncastle cluster

Our school belongs to the Horncastle cluster, which is made up of 16 schools.

These are Bardney Primary, Baumber Primary, Bucknall Primary, Coningsby St Michael's Primary, Horncastle Banovallum, Horncastle Community Primary, Horncastle QEGS, Horncastle St Lawrence, Kirkby on Bain Primary, Mareham le Fen Primary, Tattershall Gartree, Tattershall Holy Trinity Primary, Tattershall Primary, Tetford Edward Richardson Primary, Woodhall Spa St Andrew's Primary and Wragby Primary.

Varied activities for your child

Extended schools provide a varied range of activities for your child, such as:

- study support
- play and recreation
- drama
- sport
- music
- arts, crafts and other special interest clubs
- volunteering and business and enterprise activities

Study support activities are tailored so children who are falling behind their peers will receive extra support to help them catch up. Those who are doing particularly well will be offered more challenging work to stretch them further.

Children will be able to pursue special interests or try out new things - anything from chess clubs to fencing lessons to extra language classes at breakfast.

These services are mostly provided around the school day either at your child's school or a nearby school/facility under the supervision of dedicated staff.

Parenting and family support

All schools are encouraged to provide you with access to various kinds of support. Many schools now offer:

- parenting skills programmes

- family learning sessions
- child behaviour management courses
- information sessions for parents when their children start primary school and when they move to secondary school
- information about nationally and locally available sources of advice and support

Easy access to specialist services

Many schools now work closely with health, housing and social services to offer additional help to children and young people when they need it. This can include those with behavioural, emotional and health needs. Through links with local agencies and voluntary organisations, schools can identify who needs help and organise it as quickly as possible.

The close links between organisations mean that children needing continuing support throughout their school careers will receive it.

Community access

Many schools make facilities available for the community to use. This can include:

- sports halls
- gyms and fitness studios
- computer suites
- arts and music facilities

They also offer spaces like school halls and classrooms for further education, vocational classes and adult learning programmes.

How do you find out more?

To find what's on offer contact your local school or your local Family Information Service on 0800 195 1635 or email fis@lincolnshire.gov.uk. FIS is open Mondays to Fridays from 8am to 6pm

By 2010, all schools will provide a range of services - some will be free but others, like childcare, will be charged for.

By working as part of a cluster we can pool our resources and ensure that we meet the needs of all children & families in our area.

What has our school been doing so far?

QEGS has been working hard to improve the Adult Education programme - for further details see below.

Funding also allowed us to run our breakfast club and contributed towards other after school activities.

What has the cluster been doing so far?

- *Holiday activities for secondary school pupils*

For those aged 11 to 16, the Go For It Programme offers an excellent variety of activities in the Horncastle area.

It operates during the school holidays and activities include sports, arts, dance, drama and organised visits out. All activities are run by qualified workers and instructors.

A programme will be despatched to all secondary schools prior to the school holidays.

Places are limited and the project runs on a first come first served basis. To avoid disappointment please book early.

For further information you can contact Horncastle Youth Centre on 01507 522482 or email [Viv Cross \[Viv.Cross@lincolnshire.gov.uk\]](mailto:Viv.Cross@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

- *Summer Activity Programme*

The Horncastle Cluster decided to offer some fun activities for children aged 5 to 16 years in and around the Horncastle and Tattershall areas in August 2009.

Children aged 5 to 12 were offered two weeks of activities such as arts, sports and science.

It is hoped future activities will take place in February 2010 for primary school children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Your child will receive a programme from his/her school in January 2010.

Please note that the activities are not an alternative to childcare, which we are unable to provide. Our activities are merely activities designed to enhance play and learning.

Lincolnshire County Council has decided that all childcare needs are met in our cluster with the possible exception of Wragby. For further information please contact Lincolnshire County Council direct.

Parents requiring childcare during school holidays should contact the Family Information Service for further information.

- ***Adult Education at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School (QEGS), Horncastle***

QEGS is offering a fantastic range of courses starting in September 2009.

It is running an evening class programme on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings usually from 7 - 9 pm. Qualification courses last approximately thirty weeks and most other courses last for five weeks, with the possibility of another five or more weeks.

There are three different programmes for September. The family programme and the education programme start at the beginning of September. The family programme is offering a family internet safety course (three weeks) and a course for parents or carers with autistic children. The education course is offering GCSEs, AS Levels and in January, a Pre-Access Diploma to be accredited by the Open College Network.

QEGS is also offering as part of this education programme ECDL, Level 1 British Sign Language (accredited by Signature formerly known as CACPD) and a course in child and family law by a practising solicitor.

The Leisure Learning programme starts at the end of September and has over thirty different classes. It has language courses in Russian, Italian, Spanish and French. Some of the unusual courses on offer are Philosophy and Ethics, Law, Homeopathy, Grow Your Own Vegetables and the History of Medieval Abbeys. QEGS also offers courses like Floristry, Water Colours, Ballroom Dancing, Sugar Icing and Web Site Design.

Please contact Marianne Watkins if you would like more information on 01507 522465 (daytime) or 01526 352153 (evenings and school holidays) or email swatkinsm@lincs.sch.uk. Please also let Marianne know if there is a course you would like to see available.

For further information regarding Extended Provision please contact the Extended Provision Coordinator - Emma Maltby, on 07946 299600, or 01507 522465 or email extendedprovision@qegs.lincs.sch.uk