

# Extended Services Questionnaire

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The Kimberley group of schools is carrying out an extensive consultation exercise with pupils and parents through a web-based questionnaire. This seeks to identify your needs and ideas on the development of Extended Services.

The majority of pupils will participate in the survey as part of an ICT lesson. All parents are invited to participate by completing a similar web based questionnaire.

The results of the survey will be published on this website. Informed by these results the school will want to work closely with parents, pupils and staff to shape new activities in response to identified demands.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you do not have regular access to the internet please enquire at the school office where staff will be pleased to provide you with a paper copy of the questionnaire/results or arrange for you to use a computer at the school.

## What is Extended Services?

All schools are being asked to work in 'clusters' with other local schools to develop 'Extended Services'. We are working as a cluster that comprises of The Kimberley School and 'feeder' Primary Schools:

- Awsworth Primary School, Awsworth
- Gilthill Primary School, Kimberley
- Hollywell Primary School, Kimberley
- Horsendale primary School, Nuthall
- Kimberley School, Kimberley
- Larkfields Junior School, Nuthall
- Larkfields Infant School, Nuthall
- Mornington Primary School, Nuthall
- The Kimberley School, Kimberley

Extended Services are at the heart of the delivery of 'Every Child Matters', the government agenda to improve outcomes and raise standards of achievement for children and young people.

Extended Services provide a range of services and activities, often beyond the school day to help meet the needs of children, their families and the wider community. The Department of Children, Schools & Families want all children and their families to be able to access a **core offer** of extended services, developed in partnership with others, through the school.

## What is the Core offer?

The DFES require that schools work towards the core offer of extended services being available to children and their families by 2010.

The core offer comprises:

- High quality **childcare** before and after school between 8am and 6pm. To be provided on the school site or through other local providers with supervised transfer arrangements where appropriate for 48 weeks in the year.
- A varied menu of **activities** to be on offer, ranging from homework clubs and study support, sport, music, dance & drama, arts & crafts, special interest clubs.
- **Parenting support** including information sessions for parents at key transition points, parenting programmes run with the support of other agencies/organisations and family learning sessions to allow children to learn with their parents.
- **Easy access** to specialist support services such as speech therapy, child and adolescent mental health services, family support services, intensive behaviour support and for young people sexual health services.
- Enabling **wider community access** to various facilities on the school sites from ICT, sports and hall/room hire.

### **Will all schools have to offer all these services?**

Schools have to offer what is required by the communities they serve and in the light of other similar provision already available in the area and in the context of any service needing to be financially sustainable. Additionally many aspects of the core offer are likely to be delivered on a 'cluster' basis. In other words there may be demand for a specialist activity from one or two individuals from several of the schools. In this situation the cluster of schools would seek to deliver it for all the interested individuals but at one site only.

### **How much will we be expected to pay for these services?**

If there is demand for statutory services such as health and social care to be delivered via the school then the school will seek to work in partnership with the relevant agencies and authorities such as Primary Care Trusts. Such provision would be free of charge.

For other services such as childcare and activities, 'market rate' charges will be made. However for those with low income we would hope some subsidy will be available from a number of sources. For instance the childcare element of the Working tax credit provides support for low income parents in meeting childcare costs. Exact details are still to be decided.

In all cases where charges have to be made schools will look to provide the highest quality service at a sustainable competitive price. If services are not financially sustainable the schools will be unable to offer them.

### **How can I find out what is available at my School now?**

The schools in the Kimberley cluster are already providing many elements of the core offer. This will continue and you will be informed through the normal channels of letters, newsletters, notice boards and the school web-site. However you are likely to increasingly find these activities under an extended services /schools heading.

### **What if I want to talk to someone about Extended Schools?**

Please contact the school office who will arrange for someone to talk to you.

By 2010 all families of schools are required to be offering 'extended services' where pupils, families and the community demand them. In order to assess the demand from our students and their families we are carrying out an extensive consultation process. More information can be found by visiting the '[Extended Services](#)' section of this website.

This includes many of our pupils completing an internet based survey as part of an IT lesson. It is also very important that we identify what the needs of parents and carers are with respect to extended services. **Please help us by completing our [Survey Page](#).** This survey is completely anonymous and should take no more than ten minutes to complete. Thank you.