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Dear Colleague

### **Developing Childcare in Extended Schools Workshops**

Following on from the success of our recent workshops in Norwich, King's Lynn, Swaffham and Great Yarmouth we are pleased to offer you a further opportunity to join us at one of our workshops to help you to develop childcare at your school. Unfortunately sessions at North Walsham and Thetford were postponed due to the weather and their rescheduled dates are also included below.

At the workshops you will be able to: -

- Pick up a Childcare Development "Toolkit" setting out everything you need to develop childcare
- Meet the Development Worker for your area
- Find out about available funding and explain how we can support you with grant applications and business planning
- Receive advice on queries such as staffing, premises, legislation and health and safety issues

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>
12 April 4.00-6.00	Thetford	Charles Burrell High School
13 April 4.00-6.00	N Walsham	North Walsham High School
14 April 9.00-10.00	K Lynn	Early Years & Childcare Office, Unit 5, North Lynn Business Village, Bergen Way, King's Lynn, PE30 2JG
18 April 4.00-6.00	Methwold	Methwold High School
18 April 10.00-12.00	Norwich	Professional Development Centre, Woodside Road, Norwich, NR7 9QL

21 April 4.00-6.00	Fakenham	Fakenham Junior School
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We would be grateful if you could let us know whether or not you plan to attend by returning the slip attached in the pre-paid envelope. **Please reply at least 10 days before the session you wish to attend.** If you have already attended a session or have advised us that you do not wish to attend please accept our apologies for including you in this county mail out.

Yours Sincerely

Marcelle Curtis  
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**Enc Childcare in Extended Schools Leaflet**

**Please return to:**

**Early Years & Childcare Team, Room 117, County Hall, Norwich,  
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School:

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Tel No:

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**I wish to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) at the following Childcare in Extended schools  
Workshop:-**

- ☐ Thetford
- ☐ King's Lynn
- ☐ Norwich

- ☐ North Walsham
- ☐ Methwold
- ☐ Fakenham

**I am unable to attend any of these sessions but would like to attend a future  
workshop in ..... (Location)**

**I am not interested in attending because: -**

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Please delete as appropriate



## How can the Local Authority Early Years and Childcare Team help?

During early 2005 we aim to offer a series of workshops to help you decide the best way forward for your school. Please contact your local area office to find out when and where your workshop will be held.

### Western Area

Tracey Andrews - Unit 5, North Lynn Business Village, King's Lynn  
Tel: 01553 667620

### South and East Area

Jill Warwick - Floor 2, Havenbridge House, North Quay, Great Yarmouth  
Tel: 01493 335740

### Central and Northern Area

Alison Woodcock - Floor 1, St Andrews House, St Andrews Street, Norwich  
Tel: 01603 598484

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# Childcare in extended schools

## What is an Extended School?

An Extended School is one that provides a range of services and activities often beyond the school day to help meet the needs of its pupils, their families and the wider community. This includes out of school care for children and young people up to the age of 14 (and 16 with special needs). This could be before/after school, holiday care or service for the under 5's.

## Why would schools want to provide childcare services?

The advantages of providing childcare on school premises are vast and can have a positive impact not only for the school but also children, families and the wider community. These have been outlined below.

### Advantages for the school:

- Improved relationships with parents and greater parental involvement
- Stronger links with local community, with the school as the focal point
- Recruitment and retention of school staff
- Reduced late arrivals, poor attendance and underperformance of pupils at schools
- Improvements in motivation and behaviour
- Increased pupil numbers as a result of attracting parents to the school
- An easier transition throughout school life
- Ability to offer extra support to identified vulnerable children and families
- Ensuring children have a healthy and nutritious meal/snack at the start or end of the day
- Supporting social activities for children who may otherwise have difficulties
- Explore the possibility of partnership arrangements with local providers



### For children and young people:

- Access to activities which widen and enrich their experiences
- Higher achievement, confidence and self esteem
- Improved interpersonal and social skills
- Developing responsibility for themselves and others
- Safe caring environment
- Increase skills and fitness through sports activities contributing to the reduction of childhood obesity

### For parents:

- Single point of access for an integrated range of family services
- Peace of mind and reduced disruption to family life
- The opportunity for parents to start or return to work or to extend their working hours with their children fully cared for
- Access to training or further education based at the school with on-site childcare

### For the community:

- A major contribution to social inclusion
- More people in work, education or training, reducing child poverty
- Reduced traffic levels at peak times
- Fewer unsupervised children on the streets

## Schools wishing to introduce childcare services have the following options:

- Offer and manage childcare services directly
- Work in partnership with existing or new voluntary or private providers
- Delegate the delivery of childcare services to an outside organisation

