

Early Years, Childcare and Extended Schools Services

As you may be aware Norfolk County Council Children's Services has recently gone through a restructuring process and has developed 5 area teams (North, South, East, West and Central) to ensure a more integrated approach to the delivery of services for children and families.

I am pleased to advise you that from September 2006 your support will be provided by the Southern Area Team. The Early Years, Childcare and Extended Schools Team in the Southern area is made up of Development Workers and Support Teachers (formally Childcare Development Workers, Extended Schools Area Managers, Link Teachers and Area Sencos) and is jointly managed by Justin Rolph Service Manager and Marcelle Curtis, Head of Early Years, Childcare and Extended Schools Services until a permanent manager has been appointed. The manager's post is currently advertised and we hope to have a manager in post after Christmas.

The Early Years, Childcare and Extended Schools team is now part of a much wider integrated area team that is led in the South by Alison Murphy – Area Director.

Early Years Support Teachers will provide advice and support both in the Early Years Foundation Stage and to meet the needs of children with SEN. In some cases they will also provide practical educational support to Early Years practitioners in a Children's Centre. In all cases their support is provided to ensure the highest quality provision for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage. During this transition period you will receive a visit to keep you up to date with new developments.

Development Workers work with a wide range of local service providers and key partner organisations to meet identified local needs of families through the development of Children's Centres and Extended Schools Services including childcare.

The Southern Area is made up of three localities. In the Southern Area the following staff should be seen as your first point of contact.

They can all be contacted via telephone numbers below.

Locality 11 High School Catchments Area	Support Teacher	Development Worker
Rosemary Musker High School Charles Burrell High School	Karen Francis	Valerie Heath In the transition period until Christmas Tracey Andrews, Team Manager of the West team will still have involvement with the Children's Centres
Locality 12 High School Catchments Area		
Old Buckenham High School	Anne James	Valerie Heath

Attleborough High School	Karen Francis	Valerie Heath
Hethersett High School	Anne James	Janet King
Wymondham College	Karen Francis	Janet King
Wymondham High School	Karen Francis	Janet King
Locality 13 High School Catchments Area		
Diss High School	Karen Francis (temporary cover)	Kathleen Clark
Long Stratton High School	Karina Savage	Kathleen Clark
Archbishop Sancroft High	Anne James (temporary cover)	Kathleen Clark
Hobart High School (Loddon)	Karina Savage	Kathleen Clark
Hobart High School (Ditchingham)	Anne James (temporary cover)	Kathleen Clark

Some of the above arrangements are of a temporary nature until we have managed to recruit an additional Support Teacher and Development Worker.

Initial support around children with special and additional needs will be offered through your Support Teacher. In the event of more complex cases support will be provided by Jean Chaston, Support Teacher across the whole of the Southern area. Any request for additional support should initially be made through your named Support Teacher for your area. Any setting that had ongoing SEN support in the South will continue to receive that support from Jean.

Members of the Southern team can be reached as follows:

Valerie Heath	01953 450523	mobile 07768803124
Janet King	07795290833	
Kathleen Clark	01603 306356	mobile 07876791866
Karen Francis	07771806778	
Karina Savage	01508 470534	mobile 07979703313
Jean Chaston	07768644322	
Anne James	07787815141	
Marcelle Curtis	01603 224386	
Justin Rolph	01603 638099	

Until a permanent office has been found all correspondence will need to be directed to County Hall for the attention of Marcelle Curtis. If you have any queries or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact Marcelle on Marcelle.curtis@norfolk.gov.uk or telephone as above. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the transition.