



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Out of School Development Newsletter Play Service



Meeting the childcare offer

The Government's vision is to ensure that every child gets the best start in life and to give parents more choice about how to balance work and family life.

Enabling families to have greater choice and access to quality childcare is a key driver as well as recognising the crucial role that childcare plays in complementing family life.

The need for childcare to be flexible, available, high quality and affordable is set out in the 10 Year Strategy for Childcare.

The out of school team was established in 1999 to develop and sustain out of school hours childcare in communities across Nottinghamshire focusing on supporting an extensive network of breakfast, after school and holiday clubs in response to community need.



Out of school clubs can be used flexibly - to respond to the childcare needs of families as well as offering a short break and social opportunities for disabled children and their families.

As we are focusing on developing childcare in and around primary schools and special schools as well as "A safe place to be" in secondary schools, our work is diverse and interesting.

With the recent growth in the Extended Services sector it seems an opportune time to communicate our role and where our work will focus in 2009/11.

If you feel that there is a need to develop further childcare in your community, or you wish to discuss anything about your local out of school care scheme, feel free to contact us.

With our knowledge of the sector and contact with established settings we can ensure that any new developments offer complimentary childcare without threatening existing provision. We also have knowledge of funding and opportunities available to new and established settings.

Our core work focuses on:

- Responding to the Nottinghamshire Sufficiency Audit
- Delivery of the district childcare offer
- Management of the local out of school market
- Information on where out of school clubs can access revenue and capital funding as well as external funding
- Initiatives to sustain childcare settings and promote positive marketing and business practice including referrals to a team of specialists
- Preparation for Ofsted inspection
- Meeting EYFS requirements in out of school care
- Completion of SEF's and self assessment toolkits
- Quality measurement and support including 1:1 support from a team of peripatetic playwork supervisors
- Initiatives to promote inclusive practice
- Co ordination of local network meetings
- Toolkits, funding and training to encourage participation
- Creative initiatives to develop in hard to reach areas eg pilot projects for "A Safe Place to be" and childcare on special school sites
- Training and support to promote healthy eating and active play
- Responding to the diverse needs of out of school clubs looking to offer a flexible, affordable, quality, local service.

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