

Update from	Pewsey Network Extended Services
Date of Area Board Meeting	7 March 2011

Extended Services covers five areas which are linked to the key aims schools use in the Every Child Matters agenda. They support children, young people and families by removing barriers to education and promoting wellbeing.

The five areas of the core offer are:

- Varied Menu of Activities
- Swift & Easy access to services
- Community Access
- Childcare
- Parenting Support



All schools in the Pewsey Network (Pewsey Vale School, Pewsey, Grafton, Easton Royal, Burbage, Rushall, Oare and Woodborough primary schools) have achieved Full Core Offer status which means that they are all providing the required services in each of these five key areas. They are now striving to constantly improve the quality of these services.

- Pewsey Vale School are seeking to employ staff to re-open the Breakfast and Lunch time clubs that were previously run by youth workers in The Shak. Please make contact with the school if you feel you could support this project.

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- The Extended Services initiative had been funded by a Government grant. This, like a lot of other funding is now coming to an end. The Network is reviewing the services they will be able to sustain following the end of the funded period. There is still room for development and improvement and more could be achieved. The Network of schools, Community Area Partnership members and the Children's Centre are working together to look at suitable sustainability models. Anyone who feels that these kinds of services are valuable to the community and have ideas for more and how they can be financially sustained, please make contact with the Extended Services Coordinator; Alison Rollinson. aro@pewsey-vale.wilts.sch.uk 07825773431
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Projects

- Parent Support Adviser – parents can now have direct access to someone who can support them with their parenting and provide advice when they need it. This is done on a referral basis via their child's school or directly to the PSA. The PSA currently covers six of the eight schools within the network. The PSA will also be running groups for parents with support from school staff and the Children's Centre – a truly collaborative approach to supporting families in our area.
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- Free Time – school aged children who live with economic hardship (in receipt of free school meals and other benefits) are entitled to financial support to access additional study support or after school activities.
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- Health and wellbeing support – secondary school students are able to access confidential advice and support regarding their health and wellbeing, including sexual health. This is contributing to keeping teenage pregnancy figures low in this area. Due to the issues of staffing at The Shak along with other issues, this project was put on hold. We are currently in consultation with students via the school council at Pewsey Vale School and the aim is to make use of modern technology and develop a 'virtual' drop in service.
 - Local parenting courses – parents have access to supportive courses in their local community. There is now no need to travel as far as Devizes or Salisbury. The aim is provide courses as and when parents need them. Parents wishing to request a place on a parenting course should contact aro@pewsey-vale.wilts.sch.uk

Future Events/Dates for the diary

- Restorative Practices Training for school staff, funded by Pewsey Community Area Partnership. TBC
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- Joint family learning projects with Pewsey Children's Centre, Pre-schools and local Primary schools. TBC
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Signed: A. Rollinson

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