

Minutes of Provider Forum

Richmond Room, CTC, Twickenham

Wednesday 28 September 2011

Present:

Providers:

Sally Johnson	Happy Hut Pre School	Gemma McCarroll	Building Blocks
Debbie Martin	Happy Hut Pre School	Lotte Hunter	Building Blocks
Carol Tyler	Squirrels Day Nursery	Clare Boyle	Building Blocks
Jacqui Smith	Kerswell Playgroup/Richmond Childminding Representative	Charlene Hunter	Buttons Day Nursery
Emma Loke	The Studio	Natasha Dhall	Buttons Day Nursery
Faith Simpson	The Studio	Juliette Windsor	The Riverside Playgroup
Michelle Dendy	St Mary's and St Peter's Pre School	Sarah Merry	Hillpark Nursery
Judith Hedge	The Children's House	Emma Allen	Hollygrove
Kim Stanton	The Children's House	Lisa Lowther	Sunshine Nursery
Susan Dann	The Pavilion Montessori	Laura Hookway	Brook House Nursery
Sally Allen	Playwam	Sangeeta Gardiner	Windsor Kindergarten
Quita Capper	Parkway Nursery	Jane O'Brien	King's House Nursery
Sally Crawley	King's House Nursery	Juliet Williams	Vicarage Nursery School
Nicola Grover	Unicorn School	Ashley Cornwell	Tic Toc Nursery
Anne Marie True	Barnes Montessori Nursery		

Early Years Team:

Sue Ritson Head of Early Years	Jonathan Rourke EY Years Consultant	Rachel Turner Foundation Stage Strategy Manager	Lucy Chester Early Years Consultant
Nadia De Jesus Early Years Consultant	Melanie Adams Early Years Office Manager	Helen Swan Early Years Consultant	Helen McNally Early Years Consultant
Clare Catt Early Years Consultant			

1. Welcome and Introductions

Sue Ritson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Future for the Early Years Service

Sue Ritson informed childcare providers that she would be retiring on 7 October 2011 and that Rachel Turner will become interim Head of the Early Years Service following Sue's departure. Brenda Spencer will support Rachel with Early Years Foundation Stage profile moderation and monitoring and assessment.

Sue also informed childcare providers about changes for the Council which include the establishment of a social enterprise Achieving for Children to deliver children's services with effect from April 2012. The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Education, Children's and Culture Services department is looking to develop joint practice with the Royal Borough of Kingston. A decision about joint services will be known by end November.

Other changes include the early years newsletter which will be shortened to concentrate on providing important information, for example, contact changes, new services from Children's Centres etc. The Provider Forum and Day Care Forum will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening and will be renamed Early Years Provider Forum.

3. EYFS Consultation

The Early Years Foundation Stage review took place a few months ago. The Local Authority has made a return. The consultation is available for childcare providers to respond on line <http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/> until Friday 30 September and closes at midnight.

4. Referrals for support - process

Nadia De Jesus and Jonathan Rourke spoke about the Referrals for support process. Please see attached PowerPoint presentation.

5. Date of Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 January 2012 6.30 to 8.00 pm, Richmond Room CTC