

## **Children's Centre Buildings Consultation**

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***Your views on the future use of these buildings (listed in the questionnaire below) will help to determine their future. A synopsis of views expressed by stakeholders, current service providers and service users will be made available to potential providers of the integrated service.***

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Consultation is open from 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016. We want to hear from current and future service users, stakeholders and professionals. You can give us your views in the following ways:

- Complete and return the questionnaire below (or available from your local Children's Centre)
- Respond on-line (helping us to save costs) by completing the survey <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=144768696261>
- Talk to staff at your local Children's Centres
- Email your views to [earlyhelp@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@worcestershire.gov.uk)

Or write to:

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# Children's Centres Consultation

Worcestershire County Council will be commissioning a new prevention service that supports families with children aged 0-19. This will bring together a range of existing support services including some current Early Help support (including support delivered through Children's Centres, parenting support and online information and advice), Family Nurse Partnership (a home visiting programme for first time mums aged 19 or under), Health Visiting, School Nursing and Breastfeeding support services

This new service will work closely alongside a range of other services that support children, young people and their families including Family Support, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and Positive Activities.

## **What this means for families**

This means that services for some families will be different from 1st October 2016.

As part of the commissioning of this new service, the council is asking for your views on the use of Worcestershire's Children's Centre buildings. Families and whole communities are being asked to consider how these buildings can be best used in order to provide the right support to those that need it most.

The closing date for submissions for this consultation is **29th January 2016**

## **Confidentiality**

The information you provide will be kept confidential. The information will be used by Worcestershire County Council only for the purposes of the consultation. The results will be analysed for general themes and will never contain anything that could identify you. Your personal details will not be linked to your opinions in any way.

**Q1. What is your interest in Children's Centre buildings? Please let us know whether you are a:-**

- Schoolteacher
- Parent / carer
- Health professional
- Other professional
- Current provider of early help service in Worcestershire
- Councillor
- Community or voluntary sector representative
- Other – please specify below

Redditch Borough Council

**Q2. Where do you live / work?**

- Bromsgrove
- Malvern Hills
- Redditch
- Worcester City
- Wychavon
- Wyre Forest
- County-wide
- Outside of Worcestershire

**Q3. In general, how do you think that current early help buildings should be used in the future?**

Children's Centres could continue to be further developed into "Children, young people and family Hubs" within each community for support and advice, bringing together and co-ordinating services from midwives and health visitors to childcare and support for young people. They already have strength in providing universal and targeted services and families are now becoming aware that they can get support for their families 0-19 years of age, so it would be good to keep the momentum going. There would be a hub that parents can get parenting and relationship support, birth registration and early years provision, as well as health services. It should be a place where families feel they are being listened to for their own needs as well as shaping service delivery.

Children's Centres currently provide a community based, integrated "family centred" approach which has the voice of the family at the core. In areas that Children's Centres have worked well, they have become trusted by families and young people and are now seen as an important element of the community.

Health should be much more a part of the make up of this community hub – but have only delivered their services in the Centres dependent upon relationships between individuals, whereas it should be part of the core offer. There is also some inconsistency in health delivery across different Districts.

**Q4. Would you like to comment on the potential use of any specific buildings(s)?**

please select the buildings(s) you would like to comment on from the list below:-

Building Name	How do you think these buildings should be used? (please tick against all the buildings you wish to comment on)						
	No Change	Delivery of integrated services including those in the 0-19 prevention model	Childcare Provision	Integration with school activities	Community based and/or led provision for all ages	Drop in and social events for the local community, including the older population	Other
Conkers – Hagley Primary School							
Pear Tree- Sidemoor (Standalone building)							
Sunny Fields –Charford First School							
Tulip Tree – Catshill First School							
Riverboats –Upton upon Severn Primary School							
Sunshine – Pickersleigh Poolbrook Centre							
Cherry Trees –Batchley First School		√					
Holly Trees – St Stephen's First School		√					
Holly Trees – St George's First School				√			
Maple Trees – Ten Acres First School			√	√			
Maple Trees – Roman Way First School		√					
Oak Trees – Oak Hill First School			√	√			
Oak Trees – St Luke's First School			√	√			
Woodlands – Woodrow First School		√					
Bluebell Wood – Perry Wood Primary School							
Buttercup – Fairfield Centre							
Lavender – Oasis Academy Warndon							
Saffron – Stanley Road Primary School							
Tudor Way – Dines Green Primary School							

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Apple Vale – Broadway First School							
Orchard Vale / Spring Vale – Evesham Nursery School							
Blossom Vale – Abbey Park First School							
Greenwood – Wychbold First School							
WANDS – Westlands First School							
Rainbow – St Mary's Primary School							
Chestnut – Franche Primary School							
Tree Tops Birchen Coppice Primary School							
Half Crown Wood – St Bartholomew's Primary School							
Half Crown Wood – Stourport Primary School							
Riverside – Bewdley Primary School							
Brookside – Comberton Primary School							
Evergreen – non-WCC building							
Willow Trees – Church Hill Community Centre – non WCC building	✓						
Teme Valley – non-WCC building							
Cotton Wood – Wythall Library – non-WCC building							

If you have ticked 'Other', please add in the box below any comments about how specific buildings could be used differently

**Q5. Please include any additional comments you have here:**

Cherry Trees – Batchley First School – all Early Help (EH) staff for this area are based at the One Stop Shop (a Redditch Borough Council building), not at the Centre. This was to trial a new ‘hub’ model as social care, stronger families and Health Visitors were going to be collated together (HVs are yet to move in). EH staff run the services out of Cherry Trees Centre and the Batchley Community Centre. Another option could be the delivery from empty shop premises in the area of highest need in Batchley. EH also provides administrative cover and Early Start support for all the antenatal and Health Visitor clinics that take place at the Cherry Centre. There is a need for good childcare (2 year funded places) in the area, which the local childcare provider is able to offer if some space were available.

Holly Trees – St Stephen’s First School – The need for this Centre can be demonstrated by the data that 74% of children 0-5 years living in the Centre’s catchment area live in the 30% most disadvantaged SOAs. There is a successful childcare provider operating from the Centre that serves the needs of the local community.

Holly Trees – St Georges First School – due to the small size of this building, there is very little that can be run from this Centre. Health has moved their clinics from here to the main site at St Stephens where families are attending.

Maple Trees – Ten Acres First School – whilst it is suggested that this is integrated with school activities, it should be noted that there is a childcare term time only provision at this site which the school should continue.

Oak Trees – Oak Hill First School – Consideration needs to be given to the capital investment by the school that contributed to the costs of building the Children’s Centre.

Oak Trees – St Lukes First School – there is a very successful childcare provider delivering out of this site with a focus on 2 year olds. Has a strong link with St Lukes School.

Please give your email address here if you wish to receive feedback about the consultation or in case we need to contact you (*optional*)

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Thank you for your response. Please return your completed survey either to your local children's centre or by sending it to

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