

Outcomes from consultation in schools with regard to parenting support

November 2008 - January 2009



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Reason for consultation

To find out what parents needed from the school or community with regard to parenting support and extended services.

To find out how schools communicate with parents and their families; and to look at how effective this is.

To forward the outcomes to schools (who participated) and to school improvement services to assess the levels of parental involvement with individual schools.

Action plan and timescales

November 2008 to January 2009

Activity	Process	Cost	Budget	Lead	Deadline
Covering letter and questionnaire. Include prepaid envelopes for returns	Target all 92 schools including primary, high, and children with disabilities	4 nursery 70 primary 13 High 4 special	PST 25 per venue Total sum 2,255 questionnaires	PST & Ex Schools Jane Edwards Samantha White	Reprographics 30 th October
Collation of covering letter questionnaire and poster for HT with endorsement from AT	Collate 92 Distribution packs	Cost of 92 packs with 25 per school and prepaid envelopes	PST Human resource	PST & Ex Schools JE & SW	Prepare on 10 th November.
Distribution of covering letter, questionnaire, poster and letter of endorsement	Deliver packs to all schools across the borough 11 th -14 th November	Human resources and car mileage	PST and Ex Schools	JE and SW	Friday 14 th November
Deadline for returns of questionnaires	Included in covering letter; parents have 5 ways to respond; Post Email Telephone Text Via school	Pre paid envelopes provided by PST Provide a phone used by PST to take text messages	PST	JE	Friday 28 th November Will accept late arrivals until 1 st December Extend to 5 th December
Received information	Collate at the PST	Human Resources	PST & Ex Schools and anyone we can get to support.	JE & SW	December 08 to January 09 Report to be finalised March 09 Schools contacted with outcomes
Incentives (vouchers)	Order from Argos	£10 per school; Pull out of hat.	£1000 split between PST and Ex Schools	JE and SW and Cath Broxup using journal exchange.	1 st December

It may help if you had a couple of dedicated practitioners to support this process particularly with families (parents and carers) who may face challenges with reading, writing or interpretation of information. There are a number of ways in which participants can respond; using email, using a paper copy and returning pre-paid envelopes, ring the Parenting Support Team or via the school.

The closing date for this is 5th December with late applications until 12th December.

Delivery of consultations to individual schools;	W/B 10 th November
Distribution by schools;	W/B 17 th November
Response to questionnaire	W/B 24 th Nov-5 th Dec
Collation of information	Dec 08-Jan 09
Findings	March 09

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Dear Fathers, Mothers, Grandparents and Carers;

Families Matter – “Parenting Support in your local community”

The Parenting Team and Extended Schools would like to thank you for taking the time to read this questionnaire. This consultation has been prepared so that we can ask parents and carers directly about support they *might* like to see within their school or their local community in relation to “parenting support”.

“Parenting Support” can mean a lot of things to different people depending on your family circumstances. We would like to hear from you if any of the following are of interest (or might apply) to you as a parent or carer.

If you find there is something that is not listed then feel free to add this.

If you feel you are able to do so please put as much information on this consultation, your thoughts and ideas are welcomed and appreciated.

	Yes	No	Maybe
Parenting classes (Including Survival Skills for Families and Surviving Your Teenager, Positive Parenting, Tell it how it is)			
Parent groups (coffee mornings, informal chats and discussions)			
Volunteering opportunities (either in the school or local community)			
Family Learning (opportunities for learning; children, parents and carers)			
Support with benefits, employment and managing debt			
One to one support or family support			

Information sessions on topics that are important to families and parents (example; safety on the internet)			
Health Education and Advice (health and well-being)			
Sports activities (walking, cycling and other interests) Other “parenting support” suggestions that you might want to see in your local school (s) or community (example; websites or help lines)			
Fathers groups (including grandfathers, separated parenting, friends and family as carers)			
General guidance and advice (As and when your family or individuals in your family need it.)			
Classes/ training or employment (opportunities either in the school or in a location in your local community)			

Thank you for completing this form you can send this back using the following:

- Use envelope (no stamp needed) and put in letter box.
 - A) E-mail your responses (we can give instructions how to do this).
 - B) Ring the Parenting Support Team **0845 226 5533**.
 - C) Send back into school and they can send onto us
- Please complete the information on page 3.**



In order to represent your views we need to take some personal details. This information will be held in a secure place and not given to any other party.

Name (s)	
Full Address (Area of Rochdale)	
Postcode Email address	
Contact number (landline/mobile)	
Name of school	
Address of school	

Male	Female	Role in family (Father, mother, grandparent, carer)

Email requests and responses can be obtained by contacting;

jane.edwards@rochdale.gov.uk

Or contacting the Parenting Support Team, Floor 2, Crossfield Mill, Crawford St, Rochdale OL16 5RX. 0845 226 5533

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Responses

At the end of November 2008, Parenting Questionnaires were hand delivered to schools across the Borough in order for us to ascertain areas for improvement in respect of parents' needs.

- * 25 questionnaires were delivered to each of the 93 schools (2,325 in total)
- * 16 out of 93 schools returned the questionnaires
- * 118 were returned completed
- * 0 responses from Heywood

Detailed below are the top 5 questions with the most responses in terms of the needs of the parents:-

<u>Rochdale Borough</u>		<u>Rochdale Township</u>	
Question 4	Family Learning	Question 4	Family Learning
Question 13	Classes/Training or Employment	Question 1	Parenting Classes
Questions 1 & 9	Parenting Classes/Sports Activities	Question 13	Classes/Training or Employment
Question 8	Health Education	Questions 7 & 8	Information Sessions/Health Education
<u>Middleton Township</u>		<u>Pennines</u>	
Question 9	Sports Activities	Question 9	Sports Activities
Question 4	Family Learning	Questions 7 & 13	Information Sessions/Classes Training or Employment
Question 1	Parenting Classes	Question 8	Health Education
Question 8	Health Education	Questions 2,3 & 12	Parent Groups/Volunteering/General Guidance and Advice
Questions 12 & 13	General Guidance and Advice/Classes Training or Employment		

Based on the questionnaires returned we are already able to identify a need for services in areas as detailed above.