

Community Consultation

The Sure Start programme has a strong ethos of listening to parents and young children and consultation provides an opportunity for stakeholders to contribute to the development of their Children's Centre. A consultation was conducted with children, parents, partners and providers to listen to what people thought about services and facilities available to families in the area. The findings (available from the centre manager) are helping to shape the developing services at Rickmansworth Children's Centre. Please contact the manager, Debbi Keeley, with any thoughts or ideas that you may have.



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Rickmansworth Children's Centre

'listening to families'

Offering access to a range of services and advice to families with young children living in the Rickmansworth, Mill End, Maple Cross and West Hyde communities



SureStart

Making life better for parents and children aged 0-5, by bringing together:

- ▶ early education integrated with day care
- ▶ health services
- ▶ family support services
- ▶ employment and training advice
- ▶ information services



The best possible start

The Government's *Every Child Matters* agenda outlines five outcomes which focus on improving the life chances of all children:

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Enjoying and achieving
- Making a positive contribution
- Achieving economic well-being



There is a strong relationship between well-being and educational achievement. Services designed around early intervention and

prevention can make a significant difference to the opportunities of young children and their families. Children's Centres are best placed to offer and signpost to these services.

What will be offered?

- Drop-in sessions and other activities for children and parents/carers, including parent groups and adult education
- Information and advice to parents/carers on a range of subjects, including local child-care, looking after babies and young children, local early years provision and education and links with Jobcentre Plus
- The offer of appropriate support and outreach services to parents/carers and children who have been identified as in need of them.



Would you like further information?

If you would like to receive updates of forthcoming events and new services available, please complete and return the tear off slip below. This information will not be passed on to any other parties.

Please print clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Age/s of child/ren: _____

I would like to receive details of services provided at Rickmansworth Children's Centre and be placed on the Children's Centre mailing list.

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