



Compass

Leading the way to Extended Schools in Berkhamsted,
Northchurch, Little Gaddesden and Pottzen End



Autumn Term 2008

Dear Parents Carers,

We are now well and truly into the Autumn Term and hope that you and your children are settled back into the school routine.

Believe it or not (!) the October Half Term is hurtling towards us and we therefore would like to draw your attention to the attached schedule of events that are going on in this area.

We also have great pleasure in announcing the launch of our new website which we are developing with LT Consulting, a local website developer. So please check out our address at www.hertsextendedschools.org.uk/berkhamsted for more information about Extended Schools and details of future activities and events going on in the consortium.

If you are a local community provider and would like to have a link on our community page, please email us with your details.

The website will be a great place to catch up on the latest news and developments within the consortium. For example, Compass is funding a pilot scheme at the Swan Youth Centre involving free counselling for young people. A fully qualified counsellor is at the Swan every Tuesday evening between 4 and 6 pm and if you would like more details, please contact Clare Muir at the Swan on 01442 384349.

We are also working on a counselling project in the first schools to help vulnerable children who would benefit from emotional support from a qualified professional.

There are details of Parenting Courses available in the area and there will be information shortly about the appointment of a Parent Support Worker who will be working closely with parents in all the schools in the consortium.

Many thanks to those of you who completed and returned our recent questionnaire. If you missed it and would like to anticipate, please complete the form on the reverse of this letter.

There are various activities being organised within the consortium including:

- Fun Russian morning at Ashlyns School for 7-12 yr olds on Monday 27th October, a
- Circus Skills afternoon for 5 – 13 yr olds at Berkhamsted Town Hall on Tuesday 28th October.

There are lots of other activities going on at various venues locally, so check out our attached list. If you feel that you would like to take up a new sport / activity that is not currently covered in the local area, contact us and if the demand is there (children and parents alike) we will see what we can do to 'bridge the gap' in market provision!


Many thanks for your continued support and please use our website to keep up to date with Extended Schools' news.

Yours sincerely,

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