

Parenting – There are a number of successful parenting groups operating throughout the county. Please indicate if any of the following sessions would interest you.			
General Parenting support		Anger Management	
Divorce or separation		Behaviour Support	
Communicating with teenagers		Lying	
Children and the Law		Empathy and Feelings	
Listening skills		Assertiveness	
Bullying		Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll	
Other, please specify:			

How much would you be prepared to pay for extended schools activities? Some of these activities / sessions may be provided for free. How much would you be prepared to pay / contribute towards extended schools activities / sessions?			
Up to £2.00 per session		£2.00 - £5.00 per session	
£5.00 - £7.00 per session		£7.00 + per session	

Do you feel there are any barriers to accessing these services?			
Transport		Cost	
Childcare		Working hours	
Times			
Other, please specify:			

Would you be prepared to go to another school to access these services?			
YES		NO	

Any other comments:

Would you be interested in joining a focus group?	YES / NO
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Your Details
Name:
Address:
Telephone No:
Mobile No:
E-mail Address:

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. We as a consortium of schools aim to provide coordinated services that are high quality, offer good value, make a positive impact and are accessible to all our communities. We will share the results of this questionnaire with you in our next newsletter. Remember, if you want to enter our prize draw to win £50.00 in TESCO vouchers, please return the questionnaire no later than **Friday 29th February 2008**. Winners will be notified by post.

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Welcome to the first Ware and Villages Extended Schools Newsletter. In this edition we will explain the role of Extended Schools, introduce Paul Gough our Extended Schools Coordinator and give parents and carers an opportunity to tell us what they think about Extended Schools services. Check our website: www.hertsexterndedschools.org.uk/wareandvillages/

What are Extended Schools?

Schools working in partnership to provide access to a range of services and improve children's achievement and life chances

For **primary schools** the focus will be providing access to:

- A varied menu of study support. Including activities such as sport (at least 2 hrs a week), arts, drama, music, dance, homework clubs and learning a foreign language.
- Parenting support opportunities including family learning.
- Swift and easy referral to a range of specialist services for pupils and families.
- Either offering or signposting high quality 'wrap around' childcare available at least 8am – 6pm, term time and school holidays, including breakfast clubs and after school activities.
- Opening up school facilities such as ICT, sports and arts facilities for use by the wider community, including adult learning.

For **secondary schools** the focus will be for the schools to be open all year round from 8am to 6pm providing access to:

- A varied menu of study support. Including activities such as sport (at least 2 hrs a week), arts, drama, music, dance, homework clubs and learning a foreign language.
- Parenting support opportunities including family learning.
- Swift and easy referral to a range of specialist services for pupils and families.
- Opening up school facilities such as ICT, sports and arts facilities for use by the wider community, including adult learning.

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- Amwell View
- Ash Valley Children's Centre
- The Chauncy School
- Christ Church
- Hunsdon JMI
- Kingshill Infant School
- Middleton School
- Pinewood School
- Presdales
- Priors Wood Primary
- Puller Memorial
- Sacred Heart RC
- St. Andrew's
- St. Catherine's
- St. John The Baptist
- St Mary's
- Thundridge
- Tower
- Wareside
- Widford



**Meet Paul Gough
Extended School Coordinator**

I started work as Extended Schools Consortium Co-ordinator (ESCO) for Consortium 13 Ware and Villages on 20th August, 2007. Here is something about my background. I was born in Manchester and am a life-long fan of Manchester United. I qualified as a Chartered Librarian and used to manage public libraries and their computer systems. However, my working life has included a variety of jobs including theatre "extra", barman, training officer, drama tutor and management consultant. I have three excellent sons and three amazing grandchildren. Hertfordshire is a superb county with high achieving schools and I am delighted to be living and working here.

We would like to obtain your views for the Extended Schools Consortium in this area of East Herts.

Extended schools provide a range of services and activities, often beyond the school day, to help meet the needs of children, families and the wider community.

Extended services can include childcare, holiday summer schemes, adult education, community-based health and social care, after school activities such as homework, science and art clubs or special interest clubs, such as sport and drama.

Schools may also be able to offer parental support including parenting programmes and family learning sessions. Schools will also be able to provide easy referrals to specialist support services such as speech therapy and family support services.

The Chauncy School is the Hub School in this Extended Schools Consortium, which includes eighteen other primary, secondary and special schools and a children's centre.

The consortium schools feel that it is important that we listen to our parents, carers, young people and children to find out which types of services would be most helpful to you. With this in mind we would like you to complete the attached questionnaire and hand it in to your school as soon as possible.

This is a very exciting time for schools and we hope that you will share our enthusiasm for the future.

Please complete the questionnaire opposite and return it to your child's school or post it to:

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Please name the school(s) attended by your child / children.

Do you currently use any after school clubs or activities that are offered by school?
Please list:

Childcare - Please tick the services that you feel would best suit the needs of your family and the local community.

Breakfast club		Lunch club	
After school club		Holiday club	
Full day care		Crèche	
Other, please specify:			

Healthy Living - Please tick the services that you feel would best suit the needs of your family and the local community.

Sexual health for young people		Alcohol / drugs	
Healthy eating		Smoking	
Dealing with stress (e.g. exams / work)		Healthy minds	
Other, please specify:			

Family Learning / Community Learning - Please tick the services that you feel would best suit the needs of your family and the local community.

Basic Maths		Basic reading and writing skills	
Art and Craft		Music	
Volunteering		First Aid Courses	
Learning a new language		Keeping up with the children	
English as a second language		Internet awareness	
Basic ICT		Cookery and healthy eating	
Family Finance		Gardening	
Going Green			
Other, please specify:			

Activity and Study Support Clubs - Please tick the services that you feel would best suit the needs of your family and the local community.

Homework / study support		Maths and English clubs	
Science clubs		Art clubs	
Sport clubs		Chess clubs	
Volunteering		Visits to galleries and museums	
Dance		Drama	
Other, please specify:			