



# Urban Swale and Swale Rural Local Children's Services Partnerships

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LCSP	Primary	Secondary	Academies	PRU's	Special
Swale Urban	22	8	-	1	-
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## Urban Swale

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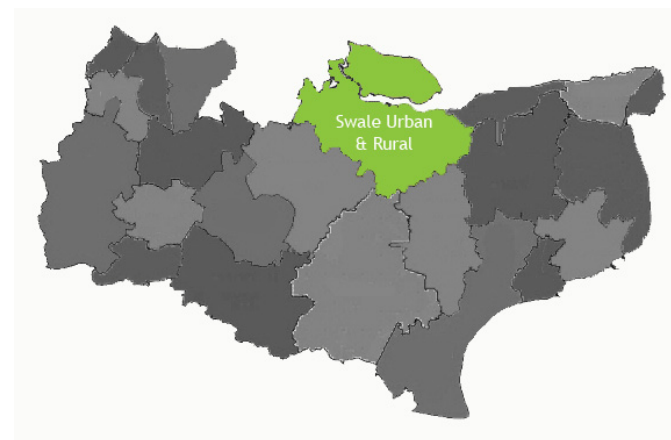
## Swale Rural

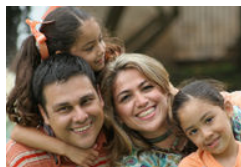
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*Figures as at 30 September 2009*

## 2009-10 Extended Services priorities for the partnerships:

- Improving wellbeing outcomes for children, young people and families.
- Broadening the range of opportunities and activities for children, young people and families.
- Prevention and early intervention services.
- Supporting parents and carers.
- Supporting literacy and reading.





## Key Extended Services Programmes for 2008-09

### Cluster network meetings

Extended Services helps to coordinate termly network meetings for a variety of professionals who have involvement with children and young people, across the partnerships. There are 6 clusters that meet and include at least 1 secondary school and 1 Children's Centre as well as the relevant primary schools. The meetings provide an opportunity for networking, dissemination and training. Representatives at the network meetings include Young Carers coordinator, Domestic Violence worker, Education Welfare Officer as well as individuals from Children's Centres and school based Extended Services staff. The networks have strong links to the Partnership Boards and enable a coordinated approach of support to children and young people in the partnerships. **CYPP Priority 5**

### Secondary School counselling

Extended Services has provided funding for a Counsellor to deliver a counselling service in one of the secondary schools in the partnership, after a need was identified by the headteacher. The Counsellor works primarily with Year 9 and Year 10 students around a variety of topics including pre-exclusion issues, motivation and behaviour. The aim of the service is to support children and to prevent issues escalating into exclusion from school. The school has already identified increased attendance rates from those students who have been receiving counselling support. **CYPP Priority 2**

### FILMCLUB

FILMCLUB was commissioned by Extended Services to provide training across both partnerships for schools to set up film clubs that can run after school or during lunchtime. FILMCLUB is an after-school film club in England (funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families) which is free to all state primary and secondary schools. It gives children from participating schools access to thousands of films and organises school visits by professionals from within the film industry. There are now more than 22 schools engaged in the programme and Pupil councils are helping to promote the service from within their schools. The initiative is an excellent way of engaging children and providing 'learning by stealth' opportunities in an out of school environment, something which is highly valued by Schools themselves. There are also many opportunities for family learning events and community access. Extended Services are adding value to the FILMCLUB initiative by providing extra rewards/prizes for increased pupil involvement, holding and sponsoring celebratory impact events and encouraging and supporting Film industry visits/workshops for Schools (script writing, animation etc). Extended Services is also in discussion with the Minority Communities Achievement Service (MCAS) regarding the potential for exploring diversity issues through film clubs. **CYPP Priority 6**



### Kite Club

Extended Services has supported Sittingbourne Community College with the development of a Kite Club for students. The club will be set up in 4 phases; phase 1 has involved working with a group of Afghan Looked After Children (LAC) to make and fly kites. The kite theme was chosen as kiting is a national sport in Afghanistan. Phase 2 will involve opening the club to other children at Sittingbourne Community College. Phase 3 hopes to create Kite clubs in other schools across Swale and phase 4 hopes to hold a kiting festival in Summer 2010. The club aims to raise the self-esteem of Afghan children, celebrate culture and diversity and introduce kiting as a healthy and creative pastime. In addition, the club will be used to assist with the transition of Year 6 students from the feeder primary schools to Sittingbourne Community College. Other partners have included Minority Communities Achievement Service (MCAS), Social Services and foster parents. **CYPP Priority 8**

### Charlton in the Community

Extended Services has funded a 'Kick into Education', Charlton Athletic Teaching Assistant to deliver activities to Primary school-aged children around literacy and numeracy, healthy lifestyles and also family learning work. The worker has been in post since January 2009 and spends two terms in each school. So far they have helped to support more than 500 children across all year groups in 6 Primary schools. **CYPP Priority 2**

### Young Leader training

Extended Services has funded a Community Worker at AmicusHorizon (a housing association operating across the partnerships) to deliver Young Leader training to targeted children and young people. This was to tie in with Summer holiday activities which were taking place within schools. As a result of the training the children were then able to lead some of the activities. The training increased the children's confidence, providing them with additional skills which they were then able to use in helping to deliver some of the activities. It also encouraged these children to take part in the holiday activities themselves, which they might not have otherwise done. The Young Leaders ran activities, including play, craft and sport as well as providing support to the other children.

**CYPP Priority 7**

### Responding to Pupil Voice

Extended Services was contacted directly by a pupil at Borden Grammar School who wished to set up a KwikCricket tournament for Primary Schools in the local area. Extended Services was able to provide funding for the KwikCricket equipment so that the tournament could go ahead. The tournament was run across 8 Primary schools and has helped to build relationships between pupils at the Primary schools as well as making strong links between the Primary and Grammar school, therefore supporting the transition process. **CYPP Priority 8**



### Holiday activities - Summer 2009

Extended Services provided funding for resources (arts and craft materials, consumables, sports equipment) and staffing costs to enable the delivery of holiday activities in schools across both partnerships. The activities were run in targeted areas, in particular those where parents would not be able to afford to pay for their children to attend such activities. A wide range of activities were run including sports (e.g. rounders and football), arts and crafts and cooking - many of which were free or ran at a minimal charge. The project involved 5 Primary schools, and all were encouraged to open up the activities to any pupil from each of the schools participating. **CYPP Priority 6**

### Support for Family Action - Warden Bay - Isle of Sheppey

Extended Services provided funding for resources for this venue after a large flood in November 2008. This enabled the venue to continue running with minimal disruption to parents, children and young people. Family Action provides family support across Swale. Part of the support provided at the venue is a mother and toddler club, an after school club and voluntary youth group. **CYPP Priority 3**

### Swale Young Carers

Extended Services has worked with the Schools Development Officer for the partnerships to help deliver a camping trip during the Holidays for young carers to provide them with respite from their caring responsibilities. Extended Services has also provided funding for the trip. The Schools Development Officer facilitates support for those who are being cared for and is actively involved in Extended Services cluster network meetings which has helped them to make closer links with schools. **CYPP Priority 5**

### Community Chef and HMP Stanford Hill Family Fun Day

Extended Services funded additional time and resources for the Community Chef to provide additional support to Swale Schools, Children's Centres and HMP Stanford Hill. The Chef delivers cooking demonstrations, helps children and young people to cook their own food and provides sessions on healthy eating. The Community Chef also provided support at a family fun day at the prison. This event provided an opportunity that Dads in prison would not normally have, to spend time and learn with their children. Extended Services also commissioned the Kent Children's Fund Network (KCFN) Play Team to provide activities at the event. **CYPP Priority 3**

### Family Learning activities

Extended Services has provided funding as well as helping to coordinate and deliver two big family learning activities. Both events were also supported by Kent Adult Education. One was a family science day at Kent Science Park involving children and young people

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from 5 schools with representation from both Sittingbourne and Sheppey. The aim was to raise standards and awareness of science through curriculum enrichment and to engage parents in their children's learning. Sheppey Space day was hosted by Minster College (now Isle of Sheppey Academy) and a number of family learning activities were run including an Astrodome, robot making, moon buggy making and racing. Over 100 adults and children attended, including a big cohort of Dads. **CYPP Priority 3**

### Construction club at Woodgrove Primary School

Extended Services has funded resources for a construction club at Woodgrove Primary School. A need for a breakfast club was raised by the Senior FLO at the school to encourage children to arrive for school in good time and to encourage parental involvement in their child's learning and school. Resources included Meccano and other building materials which has enabled the breakfast club to have a specific focus. The club is also open to parents, who are able to come in and have breakfast and there has been a big increase in families eating together. There has also been a marked decrease in the number of late arrivals at school in the morning. **CYPP Priority 6**

### Reading event - Rose Street Primary School

Extended Services funded a reading event at Rose Street Primary School which was open to all staff, parents and children from schools in the local area. The session was delivered by a former headteacher. The aim of the event was to raise the enthusiasm for reading (therefore supporting literacy) and encourage adult participation. The impact of this one-off event was that Extended Services then went on to fund resources for Story Sacks (3 sets of 8) which are rotated to schools across the partnership. One school found the initial reading event so successful that they now bring parents into school for a regular reading event - their event in Summer 2009 was attended by more than 100 children and parents. **CYPP Priority 3**

### Links with Children's Centres

Extended Services works with Children's Centres across the partnerships, in helping to deliver support and services to families. In particular, Extended Services has funded reading resources for Seashells Children's Centre's 'Daddy Cool' morning. This is a group set up and run by Dads, for Dads. This is run for two hours on a Saturday morning and includes a range of indoor and outdoor activities which Dads can do with their children. It includes soft play for the babies and a free breakfast for all. **CYPP Priority 3**

### Sheppey Youth Action Holiday Programme

Extended Services provides funding for resources to support the activities for this programme. A Youth Worker is funded by Youth Action to work on the Isle of Sheppey, with a particular focus on vulnerable children and young people (age 13+). In particular the



worker runs a whole programme of holiday activities for this target group using a local school. The holiday programme runs for 2 weeks during the Summer holidays - as well as school based activities including archery, sports and arts. The group also go on day trips including Chessington World of Adventures and the Swattenden Centre. The programme involves more than 60 young people each day. Extended Services has helped to support adaptations to the programme of holiday activities to enable a disabled young person (who attends a Special School in the Maidstone Partnership but lives on Sheppey) to attend. This is a really good example of partnership working not just within a partnership, but across partnerships to enable personalised support to a young person.

**CYPP Priority 5**

#### **National Childminding Association (NCMA) - childminder portfolios**

Extended Services has supported the NCMA in distributing childminder portfolios to schools, as well as prioritising those schools that need them most across the partnerships. The portfolios contain information on all childminders within the local area and are placed in schools to provide a resource for parents if they are looking for support with childcare. This supports the childcare element of the full core offer. **CYPP Priority 1**

### **2009-10 Extended Services priorities for the partnerships:**

- Ensuring the voice of children, young people and families is part of LCSP and Extended Services planning.
- Broadening the range of opportunities and activities for children, young people and families.
- Prevention and early intervention services.
- Improving wellbeing outcomes for children, young people and families.
- Supporting adult and family learning.