

First Meeting of the EARLY YEARS WORKING GROUP OF THE BARNET SCHOOLS FORUM

Wednesday 30th April at 2.00PM

**Training Room 6, Building 2, North London Business Park,
Oakleigh Road South, London N11 1NP**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Background – Carol Beckman
4. Workplan for future meetings
5. Any Other Business

Dates for future meetings:

11 June 2008 (Training Room 5)

16 September 2008 (Training Room 5)

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Early Years Working Group Members

Perina	Holness	Moss Hall Nursery	Maintained	Nursery School	
Christine	Read	All Saints, N20	Maintained	Nursery Class	
John	Maxwell	Holly Park	Maintained	Nursery Class	
Anthea	Abery	Rosh Pinah	Maintained	Nursery Class	Faith
Liz	Bartlett	Wingfield	Maintained	Children's Centre	
Julie	Paice	Senior Childminding Co-Ordinator (LBB)	PVI	Childminders	
Elaine	Rosenthal	Playsafe	PVI	Sessional	
Sarah	Vipond	Middlesex Uni	PVI	Full Day Care	Schools Forum
Diana	Rose	Kerem House	PVI	Independent School	
Sharon	Lee	FRS	PVI	Setting	Faith

OTHER ATTENDEES

Stuart	Gray	Principal Inspector		Children's Service	Chair
Martin	Baker	Acting Director of Children's Service		Children's Service	
Diane	Lewis	Early Years Inspector		Children's Service	
Zahid	Parvez	Business Manager		Children's Service	
Carol	Beckman	Schools Funding Manager		Children's Service	
Sarrosh	Ali	School Resources & Support Officer		Children's Service	Minutes

**Early Years Working Group
Agreed by the Schools Forum 5th February 2008**

Membership

1. 10 representatives from early years providers
 2. Clerk – provided by Barnet
 3. ‘Facilitator’ provided by Barnet
 4. The Director of Children’s Service (DCS) or his/her representative
- Only the 10 representatives may vote.
 - The group will be chaired by the representative of the Director of Children’s Service
 - At least one member should also be a member of the Schools Forum
 - Membership will cover all areas of the current providers of the free entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds:
 - Members should represent a fair cross section of each of the 4 Learning Network Boards.
 - Members should be nominated by their peers and may hold office for 2 years.
 - Members of the Schools Forum may attend as observers if they are not members of the working group
 - No substitutes will be allowed.

Providers	Secular	Faith	Total
Maintained nursery schools	1		1
Maintained nursery classes	2	1	3
Children’s Centres	1	-	1
PVI – Sessional	1	1	4
PVI – Full Day Care	1		
PVI – Independent Schools	1		
Childminders	1	-	1
Totals	8	2	10

Terms of Reference

- The working group will be constituted initially for 2 years.
- The working group will meet at least once per term
- The Chair of the working group must report back to each meeting of the Schools Forum
- The first meeting will take place by 30 April 2008
- The local authority will draw up the agenda in discussion with the DCS and the Chair of the Schools Forum
- Agendas may cover the following topics, plus any others relating to the provision and funding of the free entitlement:
 - Findings of pathfinder authorities
 - The results of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment
 - A consistent funding formula for all providers
 - Pupil data collections
 - Relative costs in different sectors
 - In year adjustments to funding
 - Provision for deprivation
 - Special educational needs

- Distribution of funding for the extra 2½ hours and greater flexibility

