

Churwell Out of School Group

Newsletter

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Introduction

This is the third edition of a Newsletter designed to keep you informed of progress on the project to set up an Out of School Group in Churwell. For parents new to the school, information about the plans is repeated below.

Proposal

The plans are to provide up to 32 childcare places before school, after school and in holidays. Funding for start up costs will come from the New Opportunities Fund (Lottery money) following a successful bid earlier this year. The Group would aim to be self-financing through fees by the second year. Similar proposals were also made at other schools in Morley, some of which have already opened. The plans aim to increase the availability and choice of childcare in this area.

Progress report

A group of governors, staff and parents started to plan this project at the beginning of 2000 with the aim of siting a temporary building on the school site as a base for an Out of School Club.

Since that time the numbers of pupils at the school has risen more than expected and extra classroom space has been added. Extra pupils also means that playground space for break & lunch times and PE lessons is at a premium. After much consideration it was decided that another temporary building would take away too much playground space which could have a detrimental effect on pupils. The Steering Committee are now actively looking at other options outside the school site for locating an Out of School Club.

What happens next?

If a suitable location is found, that meets childcare registration standards, the Steering Committee will continue with its plans. Staff recruitment will be a priority so that the Play Leader can begin the planning and preparation for the club. Once the building is ready, an Open

Evening will be held for parents to see the facilities and talk to staff. At this stage we expect the club would not be ready to open until after Christmas.

A request

If any parents are interested in becoming part of the Management Committee to run the Club (and have not already indicated this in previous questionnaires) please let me have contact details. We will be in touch with all volunteers when we have sorted out a location. Also, if any of you are interested in applying for childcare employment opportunities with the Club, please get in touch and we will let you have details as soon as plans are finalised. I can be contacted by letter c/o Churwell School

Julie Lawlor,
Chair of Steering Committee