

Email Update January 2016 (sent 29th January 2016)

Dear Parents' Voice Supporter

This is a short email to remind you that two Worcestershire consultations end at **midnight** which will affect services for families; a national consultation is also closing today at 5pm. Please don't miss your chance to have a say! You are welcome to forward this email to friends and groups; if you send part of the email, please mention that the details came from Parents' Voice.

- 1) Local Surveys and Consultations
- 2) National Consultation

1) Local Surveys and Consultations

We have already told you about these two important local consultations which will affect 0-19 services for families in Worcestershire and the use of Children's Centres. Please share details of these consultations with your friends and any Worcestershire groups which might like to respond (please mention Parents' Voice when you do, thanks).

Worcestershire County Council is redesigning services for children, young people and families to help prevent problems occurring and to identify problems early so they don't get any worse. The Council is going to commission a new service to support families with children/young people aged 0-19 years, bringing together and replacing a range of existing support services (eg: Health Visiting, Breastfeeding Support, Family Nurse Partnership, School Health Service), some of which families can currently access at Children's Centres. This means that from October 2016 services will be different for some families.

Both consultations close at midnight today, Friday 29th January.

i) [Redesign of 0 - 19 prevention and intervention service](#)

Worcestershire County Council is going to commission a new service to support families with children/young people aged 0-19 years, bringing together a range of existing support services.

The new service will bring together and replace the following services:

- Health Visiting (who carry out pre-school child development checks plus targeted support)
- Family Nurse Partnership (more intensive support for first time young mothers)
- Breastfeeding support services
- School Health Service (who carry out school-age health and development reviews plus targeted support)
- Some Early Help support delivered in each district. This includes:
 - o Some of the support delivered through Children's Centres
 - o Parenting support
 - o Online information and advice

They are asking for your views to help shape the new 0-19 prevention service. Any information you provide will be kept confidential.

You can find further details with the consultation here: bit.ly/1BvYZz

This [survey](#) closes at midnight, Friday 29th January.

(Thank you to the parents who braved the chilly weather last week to attend the focus group about these proposed changes.)

ii) [Worcestershire Children's Centres](#)

Worcestershire County Council is going to commission a new service to support families with children/young people aged 0-19 years. This means that from October 2016 services will be different for some families.

Children's Centres are historically seen as providing services for families with children aged 0 - 5 (the age they were aimed at initially); however, this consultation is open to **everyone** and it will help determine what the buildings are used for in the future, what ages any activities are aimed at and other considerations, eg: what days/times they are open (and whether they are open all year or during school terms).

Each Children's Centre currently offers a range of services depending on the needs of the local community (eg: some Centres hold regular Saturday Dads' events or are used by family carer support groups, many are used for Worcestershire Speech and Language Therapy for their Talking Walk-In Drop-In Sessions). The Council is asking for [views on the use of Children's Centres](#) buildings around the county.

The consultation is short and you can respond about specific Children's Centres if you want to. Questions 3 and 5 have expanding text boxes for you to make any comments (so you can say quite a lot if you want to!).

You can find further details with the consultation here: bit.ly/1N1m1nX

The [consultation](#) closes at midnight 29th January 2016.

2) National Consultation

The national consultation about [Implementing the English Baccalaureate](#) closes at **5pm** today!

The Department for Education is seeking views about the government's proposals on how to get at least 90% of pupils to take GCSEs in the EBacc subjects.

This consultation closes at 5pm today, 29th January 2016.

Parents' views are wanted, as are those of pupils.

You can find the documents (including a downloadable response form) about this [consultation](#) and a link to respond online here: bit.ly/1S3Gps2.

Thank you for reading this email and for your continued support, we really do appreciate it.

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