

Extended Services Position Statement 2015-16

It is essential our families have access, not only to outstanding schooling but also strong systems of family and community support that will provide equality of opportunity to achieve developing aspirations.

The school provides access to an extensive range of activities and services, often beyond the school day, to meet the needs of pupils, their families and the wider community. The Extended Services programme (referred to as the Core Offer) is set out below.

Varied menu of activities combined with childcare

The school provides a free Breakfast Club every morning from 8:00 A.M for children in Reception- Year 6 which offers a healthy breakfast and a choice of activities for children to take part in.

In September 2015 the school opened a brand new childcare facility for 2 year olds, Park House at Ayresome! Park House will provide 15 hours of care and education for eligible 2 year old children enhancing their learning and development from an early age. This provision will support early language, communication needs and provide a wide range of exciting activities and opportunities to stimulate the children's personal, social and emotional development.

Park House will provide a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment for our very young children, ensuring that the best possible start to their early years education

We run a parent and toddler group for parents and carers with young children from 0-3 years. Adults can have a cup of tea/coffee and spend quality time with their young children while interacting with other parents.

The school provides a diverse programme of after school activities which utilise the skills of staff as well as external agencies and include Dodgeball, Drama, Computer Club, Football, Multi Skills, Lego Club, Eco Warriors, Homework Club, Ukulele, Gardening Club, Cookery Club, Story Club, Library Club and Maths Club. We also run 3 football teams and train the top level children in various sports to compete in the Tees Valley Tournaments against other schools.

Children are consulted on the activities they would like to take part in.

In July 2015 Ayresome became a Music Hub which offers specialist music provision across the whole school including staff. The Music Hub also offers specialist music tuition to other local schools with our Music Teacher. The school has a very talented band and choir who are extremely committed and give up their break and lunch times to practice. Children perform regularly for the rest of the school and parents and often tour around other schools to show off their musical talents!

We have a very pro-active School Parliament, including Head Girl and Head Boy and representatives from across the school who meet regularly to discuss opportunities and concerns. The School Parliament is crucial to school leadership and provides the opportunity for pupils' voices to be heard.

Parenting Support

The school has a Pupil Intervention and Parent Support Team (PIPS) which provides support and advice for vulnerable families who need additional support with issues such as behaviour and attendance.

Parents can attend homework sessions with children to find out how to support children at home. Homework classes focus on core subject areas and provide hands on support for parents and children.

We run a family learning week every year where parents across the 3 phases can come in to school and engage with children in the classroom and find out about the curriculum.

Parents can access a range of courses and support services including English Classes, Credit Union, Parent and Toddler, Weight Management Classes, Zumba for Ladies, debt and finance management and much more.

Parents are regularly consulted to identify need and shape the parental support programme.

Community Access

The school provides a programme of activities to support the needs of pupils, families and the wider community including health services, ward surgeries, debt management, a community art class, knitting class and have facilities for children's parties, local community groups and holiday activities.

We run I.T. classes for parents which covers a range of themes including accessing the internet, Microsoft Office Programmes, C.V. Writing and much more. Future plans are to develop an Internet Café at the ACE Centre where parents and the local community can access I.T. facilities and refreshments.

Our community programme is needs driven and delivered in line with our Core Offer. The timetable of activities is planned in conjunction with the Extended Services Programme.

Swift and easy access to targeted and specialist support

The school has effective early identification systems in place in terms of supporting vulnerable families who need additional support. The school has lead members of staff who have responsibility for overseeing specialist provision such as Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) and Pastoral Care. The Inclusion Team meet weekly to support vulnerable children. Focus areas include; attendance, safeguarding, health and safety, EAL and SEND.

The school works with multi agency teams in order to support pupils and their families who have specialist needs including health professionals, educational psychologists and speech and language therapists. We have over 37 different languages spoken in school therefore access to translation services is vital to provide effective communication between school and parents.