

EXTENDED SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 3

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Additional Information

Extended Services offered at Holy Trinity & St John's

As a school we pride ourselves on our engagement with the extended school's agenda. We have gained national recognition being awarded established status for Quality In Study Support (QISS). We were one of the original 4 schools to pilot the Quartet project, which has been a great success, providing a range of activities for families and children, ranging from trips to London to Saturday cinema club to our allotment. The school itself runs a huge range of out-of-hours activities for children and families. We employ 1.5 Family Liaison Officers who assist with holiday clubs and family learning. We run a breakfast club that has over 50 pupils on its register.

We also ran an After School Club, but this unfortunately closed in July 2009 because the credit slump meant that more families found themselves no longer needing child care, and the numbers couldn't sustain costs. We still signpost to local child care arrangements, and a very small group of pupils are collected to attend another after school club nearby.

We have made huge efforts to ensure the school buildings do not stand idle in the evenings and holidays, employing a lettings manager in addition to our site manager and caretaker. The school is used by a local church each week and also hosts Karate, Scottish Dancing and other dancing classes. Lets are very sporadic in their nature, and the school has found it difficult to retain lettings managers because of hours available. We are not sure that we will be able to sustain this facility because costs are not necessarily covered.