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Parent Partnership Service News...

We hope you have noticed our new logo and new colours – you'll be seeing much more of them in the future. We would welcome any comments on our new look newsletter – please feed back to Linda Daly on 024 7667 8365 or write to us at the Parent Partnership Service address or e mail us parentalpartnerships@coventry.gov.uk.

Changes to Local SEN Funding Arrangements

Plans to change the way in which special educational needs are funded in Coventry are currently being considered by Coventry Education Service.


The proposed changes will, if approved, come into effect from April 2002. The changes would mean a significant increase in the amount of funding going into schools' budgets for special needs as more of the funding held centrally by the Education Service is delegated to school.

Parents and members of local voluntary organisations are invited to come along and hear more about the changes at a series of meetings in December. Senior Education Officers will be on hand to discuss the changes. See the back page of this newsletter for further details about these meetings.

Help us – to help you

We are always keen to improve our information and support for local parents and carers of children with special educational needs. Over the next few weeks we will be sending out a questionnaire to a sample group of parents and carers, chosen at random from those who have been in contact with us over the past year. We are seeking to gain views about the services currently provided by the Coventry Parent Partnership Service. If you receive a copy of the questionnaire, please take a few minutes to complete and return it to us as your views really count. If you don't receive a questionnaire but would like to be included in this survey, please contact us and we will be happy to send one out to you.

We will publish a summary of our findings in a future edition of the *In Partnership* newsletter.



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Support Groups

We are looking at supporting local parents and volunteers in setting up support groups for parents of children with **ADHD** and **Dyslexia**.

If anyone is interested in helping to lead these groups or has ideas as to what kind of things they would like to see these groups doing, please contact Julie Wade at Parent Partnership Service.

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The first meeting of the support group for parents and carers of children with ADHD will be held on 6th December 7-9pm at CAMHS, Kendall House, Gulson Road. Thereafter, meetings will be held every other month on the 1st Thursday of the month at Queens Road Baptist Church.

EPIC

EPIC is a recently established support group for families whose children have epilepsy.

They meet at the Tiny Tim Playcentre, Whitefriars Lane, Coventry. They will be holding a children's Christmas Party on 13th December at 4:15pm.

For more information, contact Jo 024 7627 9318 or Sally 024 7671 5873

Coventry Autism Support Group

The above group are holding a Support Group meeting on 15 January 2002 at The Friends Meeting House, Hill Street, Coventry from 7:30pm-9:00pm.

For further information contact Mary O'Hagan 024 7622 2958 or Rachel Pittaway on 024 7671 7973.

Parent Partnership on the Web

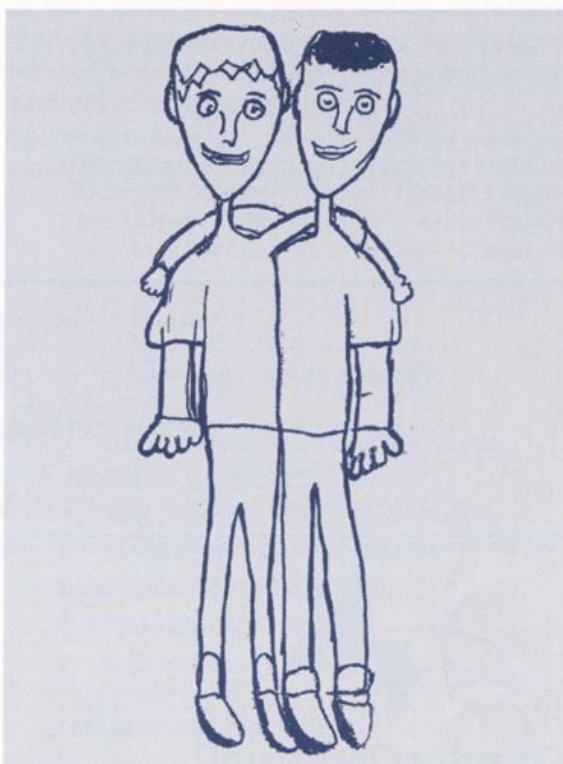
A new website with details of Parent Partnership Services was launched in September by the National Parent Partnership Network. It contains information about Parent Partnership Services across the country, Parent Partnership newsletters and links to other sites of interest to parents and carers. You can find the site at: www.parentpartnership.org.uk

Regional Mediation Service

A regional SEN mediation service is being set up in the Midlands in response to the new requirement on LEAs to make arrangements for resolving disagreements between parents/school and parents/LEA.

Parent Partnership Services within the region have been involved in the development of this new service. The service is likely to become fully operational in the spring and will be delivered and co-ordinated by an independent mediation service provider. The service provider will be responsible for a team of independent mediators working across the Midlands.

Parents were invited to find out more about this new development at the Parents' Forum meeting on 28th November. If you would like more information, please give us a call.



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