

Wraparound and Holiday Childcare

Parent and Childcare Provider 'Rights to Request'

The Department for Education has asked all schools to:

- (a) allow parents to approach the school that their child attends to request that the school considers wraparound and/or holiday childcare and
- (b) that childcare providers may request to use school facilities for wraparound and/or holiday provision at times when the school is not using them.

These requests are in addition to those that are already considered as part of the school's lettings policy and whose conditions will also apply to these new requests.

It should be noted that the school has no sports facilities of its own and has a joint use agreement with Lewes Leisure Centre. The Leisure Centre operates and takes booking for the sports hall, gym etc. each evening, at weekends and during the school holidays.

These 'rights to request' only refer to children up to the end of Key Stage 3 (Year 9) and a parent's 'right to request' refers only to the school that their child attends.

Parents' requests should be in writing and dated so that they can be logged and a record kept. They should also include the following information:

- the type of childcare requested
- the age range of the children requiring wraparound or holiday childcare
- when the provision is needed

Requests can be made from the start of the autumn term (1st September) until the beginning of the summer term (30th April). The school will only formally consider requests when **a minimum number of 30** have been received. Requests received outside of this time frame will not be considered. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the formal consideration no later than a calendar month after the end of the request period i.e. 31st May.

Some of the reasons that requests may be rejected include:

- building or maintenance work being carried out
- a low level of demand so that the provision would not be financially viable
- similar provision already operates locally

Details of any alternative provision can be found on the 'East Sussex Community Information Services' website at www.escis.org.uk