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**LOCAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT  
BANSTEAD, EPSOM & EWELL 2010**

## **Section 1: Current Learner Need Position**

The needs in Epsom and Ewell were assessed by looking at the demographic profile of the areas, housing employment and transport provision, learning achievement and participation. The Index of Deprivation 2007 was used to make comparisons with other wards in the Borough and in England generally. It emerged from this analysis that the wards of Ruxley, Court and Town have been identified as the areas of greatest need while Preston ward is identified as the ward of greatest need in Reigate and Banstead. These areas are characterised by higher rates of unemployment, higher numbers of people with poor basic literacy and numeracy skills and lower achievement rates, compared to other parts of the Borough. The barriers to learning people face vary across the Borough. Different groups of people living within Epsom and Ewell experience a range of problems in accessing and engaging in further learning and training. The main barriers identified include lack of time, lack of childcare, courses offered at unsuitable times, and lack of transport for courses at particular times, especially for those who do not have their own means of transport. By offering further provision in outreach centres, such as in areas like Longmead and Watersedge estates, the physical barriers would be reduced and more people could benefit from some form of learning or training. A low awareness of the opportunities available has also been identified as a barrier to learning. Minority groups such as travellers and other ethnic minority groups face cultural barriers which are hard to overcome. People with learning disabilities and physical disabilities are not always able to identify and access courses and opportunities that would enrich their lives.

## **Geographic Areas of Learning & Community Needs**

The 13 wards in Epsom and Ewell are: Auriol, College, Court, Cuddington, Ewell Court, Ewell ward, Nonsuch, Ruxley, Stamford, Stoneleigh, Town, West Ewell, and Woodcote. The wards of highest need are Court, Ruxley and Town.

The Stronger Communities Action Plan for Court & Ruxley has a variety of stated objectives to respond to community needs in these two particular wards. These include: Health and Wellbeing, Equality and Diversity, Active Citizenship and Participation, Employment and Training, Crime Reduction and Children and Young People.

The overall IMD figures for 2007 show that Ruxley ward (SOA 002C) has fallen in ranking from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> and Court ward (SOA 005A) from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> meaning that the area has become less deprived since 2004, or that other areas of Surrey have experienced an increase in deprivation levels. In Reigate and Banstead, Merstham (SOA 008A) has gone from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. Preston ward (SOA 005A) does not appear in the top 20 wards on the overall IMD figures, however, it ranks 13<sup>th</sup>, up from 53<sup>rd</sup> in 2004 in the figures for Income Deprivation Affecting Older People and 9<sup>th</sup> up from 14<sup>th</sup> in the Health and Disability Domain.

Town ward (SOA 007E) only appears on the Crime Domain where its ranking has gone from 69<sup>th</sup> in 2004 to 5<sup>th</sup>. On the Living Environment Deprivation Domain, Town (SOA 008B) has gone from 17<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ruxley ward (SOA 002B) ranked 17<sup>th</sup>, up from 42<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Target Areas**

The Community Learning Adviser's target areas are: Court ward, Ruxley Ward and Preston Ward.

The most recent Epsom & Ewell LSP Steering Group meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009 and produced the following statement:

*"Epsom & Ewell does not contain one of the areas for targeting under the County-level health work and LAA. Likewise for Safer & Stronger LAA work."*

There will be a need therefore for local partnership work to deliver improvements although a new SCC administration may be more sympathetic to the specific needs of these communities.

Rosebery Housing Trust works closely with Epsom & Ewell Borough Council to identify and address areas of concern working in partnership with the WEA to deliver learning to residents either in outreach centres or in their own offices at Rutland House, 57-69 South Street, Epsom, Surrey KT17 1BB.

Nescot has some funding for community outreach work and is working closely with the WEA to offer courses in venues other than those where WEA are established. Epsom & Ewell Borough Council have indicated a major concern around parenting and basic skills attainment, particularly Literacy and Numeracy, being linked to employment prospects.

## **CLA Recommendations:**

With the WEA being often the only provider of First Steps provision able to provide small groups with informal learning opportunities in the community, it is clear that not all needs can be met.

The possible closure of community venues combined with poor transport links mean that there are not many options for learning providers to offer their courses in. Even when venues are available, many community venues do not have a reliable internet connection which means that tutors are limited in their course delivery. This limits the possibility of offering IT based courses. Not only is the lack of internet connection a problem but the storage and transportation of mobile IT resources including laptops can be complex and time-consuming.

There has been a move away from Skills for Life being offered as Literacy, Numeracy, ESOL and IT. It has been widely accepted that many "hard to reach" learners may not wish to admit that they have low or non-existent skills in these areas and are reluctant to enrol on such courses.

The theory that outreach community learning will lead on to college-based, accredited learning is not always borne out in practice. Learners who have enjoyed one "leisure learning" activity should be able to access a Skills for Life accredited course while their interest is still held and their confidence restored.

With the drive towards employability and the need for more qualifications to present to potential employers, it might be time for these courses to be reinstated. Rather than assume that learners need these skills "embedded" in something fun such as cookery or arts and crafts, web-based literacy and numeracy courses are freely

available through the BBC website and others and could usefully be administered by tutors from the main providers.

While online courses are free, easily available and easy to administer, it would be important to offer "blended" learning so that learners are not put off by the impersonal nature of online courses. Tutors need to be able to move between traditional teaching methods where there is a lot of interaction and discussion and individualised learning where each learner follows their own progression path.

## **Section 2: Local Initiatives**

### **1. Nescot College**

NESCOT College is the main further education college serving the Epsom and Ewell Borough. The college has a full offer of academic and vocational courses for young people as well as courses for adults and businesses. It is also in receipt of Personal and Community Development Learning funding which can be used to deliver community and targeted learning for adults. This funding is used for example to deliver computer sessions running at the Longmead Community Centre, described in more depth below. The college is currently exploring options to sub-contract PCDL delivery with local voluntary sector partners.

**For information on Nescot College programmes, please contact Paul Wilson [pwilson@nescot.ac.uk](mailto:pwilson@nescot.ac.uk) or Andrew Humphreys at [ahumphreys@nescot.ac.uk](mailto:ahumphreys@nescot.ac.uk)**

### **2. Maritime Court**

**Blenheim Rd, Epsom, Surrey KT19 9AP, UK**

Maritime Court is an outreach centre of Nescot College located in a busy industrial site opposite Blenheim School. The learners tend to not to be from the immediate local vicinity.

Nescot is currently offering courses for unemployed people who are referred to the centre by Jobcentre Plus. Additionally, the college has also delivered an Online Basics course funded by the Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership through the 'TransformIT' project, which SLLP was successful in bidding for with partner organisations.

Nescot does not intend to renew the lease of Maritime Court from Rosebery Housing Trust and Learndirect courses will no longer be offered in this location.

This may become another community venue more open to residents in the future. In times of funding uncertainty it is as yet unclear whether Nescot will be able to open an alternative outreach venue when its lease ends with Maritime Court.

**For further information on Maritime Court please contact:- Joseph Hanke on [jhanke@nescot.ac.uk](mailto:jhanke@nescot.ac.uk) or tel: 01372 730158.**

### **3. Longmead Community Centre**

## **Sefton Road KT19 9HG**

**Tel: 01372 720563 or Email: [longmead@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:longmead@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)**

After a Silver Surfer taster day in May 2009, SLLP and the Workers Educational Association (WEA) jointly set up courses for the 65+ age group. The numbers were sufficient to create three sessions and to ask Nescot to use some of their PCDL funding to fund a fourth course. These run am and pm on Thursdays and Fridays have continued into spring 2010. Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership has provided computer equipment on loan to facilitate the delivery of learning by the WEA and Nescot

A group called InterGenEpsom has been constituted to support learning in the Longmead Community Centre. The committee includes members of Longmead Community Centre and residents of Court ward. With support from SLLP the group has been successful in obtaining grants from Cllrs Jan Mason and Colin Taylor and also through Comic Relief. This funding has been used to purchase a mobile learning suite of laptop computers to be used both for the above courses and other community groups. The constitution of the group states that the laptops are available for all community groups such as a Homework club or a Job Club. This resource could also be used at alternative community centres including the Cox Lane community centre, the Edge and the Stephen Wood Centre.

Lucis College together with Surrey Care Trust have been offering alternative therapy sessions to Longmead residents, in order to provide practice for trainees. As many of the trainees are lone parents on benefits, the sessions are free to the members. However, small donations are accepted.

In terms of future developments, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council have suggested that courses offered by the WEA could be taken up either by the CCP (Court Community Partnership) or RCP (Ruxley Community Partnership) once the latter has been reconstituted. Courses include "Committee Skills" so that members of a committee could learn how to carry out their duties effectively. The InterGenEpsom committee, based at the Longmead Community Centre, is also interested in taking up the offer.

**For further information on courses at the Longmead Centre please contact:  
Ann Lambe, Centre Manager on 01372 720563.**

## **4. Acer House**

**97 -101 East Street, Epsom KT 17 1EA**

Acer House is a BME mental health drop-in centre. A computer course run by WEA using SLLP laptops started there on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010. A 'Women's Only' group also started a computer course there that will lead on to ESOL and other female only courses. The main target learners are from the Bangladeshi community but it will be open to others of different ethnic backgrounds.

**For further information on Acer House please contact:- Narinder Ranger on 01372 203491 or e-mail: [narinder.ranger@sabp.nhs.uk](mailto:narinder.ranger@sabp.nhs.uk) or [communications@sabp.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@sabp.nhs.uk)**

## **5. Brickfield Centre**

**Portland Place Epsom KT17 1DL**

The Brickfield Centre is located near to Acer House and there is some joint partnership working between Acer House and the Brickfield centre.

SLLP has introduced the WEA to David Bell at the Brickfield centre and they will be offering computer courses and alternative therapy to their clients as of March 2010.

**For further information on the Brickfield Centre please contact:- David Bell on 01372. 832700 or e-mail: [david.bell@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:david.bell@surreycc.gov.uk)**

## **6. Epsom Primary**

**Pound Lane, Epsom KT19 8SD tel: 01372 720 608**

2 hour ESOL sessions are running once a week, mainly for the Brazilian community, funded by Surrey Community Action with Migration Impact Funding. This commenced in late 2009 and has continued into January 2010. Learners are offered a session with a Nextstep adviser at the end of the course. They are also signposted to other courses being offered by the WEA.

SLLP was made aware of two separate Brazilian congregations, one meeting at St. Barnabas Church, Temple Road, Epsom and the other at The Kings Church, Gibraltar Crescent, Epsom, by Rev. Michael Preston and Rev. Doug Croucher. SLLP identified the need for ESOL classes and was able to make the connection between Surrey Community Action and two community leaders, Mrs Michelle Kelly and Rev Davilson Araujo at The Kings Church. SLLP's Community Learning Adviser attended several evening services at the church was also able to recommend a highly trained ESOL tutor who has generated enthusiasm and maintained a high attendance record among her learners. In addition to these subject areas, the WEA is offering a non-accredited "Helping in School" course at Epsom Primary.

**For further information on Surrey Community Action Migration Impact Fund courses contact:- Alison Enenche SCA Training, Astolat, Coniers Way, Guildford. [allisone@surreyca.org.uk](mailto:allisone@surreyca.org.uk) or call 01483 459292**

**For further information on WEA non-accredited learning contact:-Anne Andrews, WEA tutor organiser ([aandrews@wea.org.uk](mailto:aandrews@wea.org.uk)) and Samantha Johnson ([samanthajohnson@wea.org.uk](mailto:samanthajohnson@wea.org.uk))**

## **7. Epsom & Ewell High School**

**Ruxley Lane West Ewell, KT19 9JW, tel: 020 8974 0400**

This school has been in special measures and has experienced falling rolls. Since its Ofsted inspection in November 2009 it has been judged to be making "outstanding progress."

It has now been refurbished throughout and boasts state-of-the-art IT suites and Art Rooms. The new Headteacher, Alex Russell, who took up post in July 2009, is keen to open up the school to adult learning providers. East Surrey College and Nescot have both been to see the headmaster and premises and Surrey Hills Onward Learning may also put on courses there. The WEA and Action for Carers have been running a computer course for carers, using the school IT suites.

**For further information on Epsom & Ewell High School facilities contact:- Alex Russell, Headteacher: [russella@eehs.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:russella@eehs.surrey.sch.uk)**

## **8. The Edge**

**Rowden Road, Watersedge Estate, West Ewell, Epsom, KT19 9PW**

The Edge is a Youth Centre on the Watersedge Estate, Epsom. The WEA and Surrey Care Trust have both used The Edge for various courses in the past and have plans to do so again in early 2010. The WEA is offering a non-accredited "Returning to Work" course at this location.

**For further information contact Mrs Cristina Tucker, Centre Manager on 020 8873 2260 or e-mail: [cristina.tucker@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:cristina.tucker@surreycc.gov.uk)**

## **9. The Lintons Youth Centre**

**Epsom KT17 1DE**

Dance, drama, music and film are all possible for young people to access at the Lintons, housed in a disused school building, most of which is boarded up. However, the interior belies the exterior and the refurbished area where youth activities take place is an attractive area in which to develop skills or spend time with groups of friends.

**For further information contact: Trish Adam, Youth Development Officer on 01372 722644 or email [trish.adam@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:trish.adam@surreycc.gov.uk)**

## **10. Tomlin Court, Norman Colyer, and John Gale Rosebery residential homes.**

The WEA have been offering a variety of courses to residents for some time and have discussed possible computer courses with Lynn James, Senior Scheme Manager. Consequently there will be a taster computer course offered at Tomlin Court in Spring 2010 and residents will be asked whether they would also like other activities. Yoga and T'ai Chi seem to be very popular in residential homes.

**For further information on Rosebery residential homes facilities contact:- Michael Frean on 01372 814020 or at [michael.frean@rosebery.org.uk](mailto:michael.frean@rosebery.org.uk)**

**Courses are to be provided by Christine Weatherill of the WEA: [cweatherill@wea.org.uk](mailto:cweatherill@wea.org.uk)**

## **11. Ebbisham Centre**

**6-7 The Derby Square, Epsom, KT19 8AG, 01372 846 800**

The Ebbisham Centre is at the centre of Epsom town and is therefore, easily accessible. However it has been reported that its rental fees are too expensive for most providers to hire meaning that learning cannot always be delivered cost effectively from this location. The Epsom library is housed within the Ebbisham Centre, along with rooms for hire as conference venues or for children's birthday parties. The library is still running the 'User Journey Method', the precursor to the new Online Basics course.

Presently, 10 learners are attending a 4 week x 1.5 hour course and there is a drop-in service at the Resources Centre on Mondays and Thursdays where a library assistant acts as facilitator to help those accessing the course. The senior library assistants hold Adult Learners Support qualifications in order to support learners. Once they have enrolled, learners can access courses remotely so they are not restricted only to the days when the Resource centre is available.

East Surrey College have previously run courses at the Ebbisham centre for groups with learning difficulties but these are no longer running.

In other parts of the Ebbisham centre, various courses are run which the individual has to pay for. These include pilates, ballet, martial arts and fitness. The Virgin

Active sports club on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is completely separate from the Ebbisham centre. There is a swimming pool there reserved for members.

**For further information on the Ebbisham Centre please contact:**  
[ebbisham.bookings@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:ebbisham.bookings@surreycc.gov.uk) or phone: 01372 846800

**Other Libraries in Epsom & Ewell include:**

Ewell Library Bourne Hall Epsom, KT17 1UF Tel: 020 8394 0951

Ewell Court Library Lakehurst Road Epsom KT19 0EB Tel: 020 83931069

Tattenham Library Tattenham Crescent Epsom, KT18 5NU Tel: 0845 6009009

Stoneleigh Library 1 Stoneleigh Broadway Epsom KT17 2JA Tel: 020 83940328

**12. Blenheim School**

**Longmead Road, Epsom KT19 9BH**

Blenheim School has been awarded specialist status. The main changes that Science and Maths Specialist Status has brought about are a capital building project, improvement in the quality of teaching and learning in the school and greater involvement with the local community.

Blenheim School has invested in the construction of a brand new, state of the art, science laboratory. This new lab is not only fully equipped with a set of eighteen, wifi-enabled laptops and an interactive whiteboard, but also has video conferencing facilities that has enabled Blenheim students to forge working relationships with other local and international students.

As a result of Specialist Status, Blenheim is enhancing relationships with its main feeder schools and helping them to support their students in their study of science and maths. This involves projects that help to improve the quality of scientific investigation skills amongst the primary school students, as well as extending and challenging the most able. Some of these projects will involve the use of video conferencing and this has been installed to link several of the schools involved with Blenheim.

Blenheim is also seeking to forge stronger links with the local business community, involving them far more in projects in the school and helping to develop a far greater understanding of the world of work amongst our students.

For further information email [headteacher@blenheim.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@blenheim.surrey.sch.uk) or phone 01372 745333

**13 The Beacon School**

**Picquets Way Banstead Surrey SM7 1AG Tel: 01737 359103**

The Beacon School in Banstead takes over half of its intake from the London boroughs of Sutton and Merton. Other pupils come into the area from Epsom, Kent and West Sussex.

The Beacon is a Specialist Media Arts School with a focus on English, Drama, Music and Media Studies. As a result of work with Emily Assen, a local vocal coach, the school has a thriving choir which won a local competition in 2009 and has been in demand at various community events.

The Surrey Storytellers Guild has also had success working with students at the Beacon School and those from feeder schools to create a bond between them so that the transition from junior to secondary school would be easier.

For further information email the headmistress Jennifer Thomas at [info@beacon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@beacon.surrey.sch.uk)

The North Downs Schools Confederation Manager is Vanessa Lygo-Baker who can be contacted at 01403 269950 or 07800 843 987 or by e-mail at [vanessa.lygobaker@btinternet.com](mailto:vanessa.lygobaker@btinternet.com) Website: [www.northdownsconfederation.org](http://www.northdownsconfederation.org)

### **EAST STREET EPSOM:**

A number of agencies and organisations which are major partners of SLLP have a presence on this road. These include: Jobcentre Plus, Connexions, RBLI, ComputerGym and Action for Employment. These organisations have a high presence near or opposite the job centre. ComputerGym has recently moved into Felix House and Connexions is also nearby. NextStep often operate out of the Connexions offices so those who need any of those interrelated services will find them close by to one another.

**14. Jobcentre Plus** is on East Street Epsom, KT17 1HQ Telephone: 01372 853300. It is a part of the Department for Work and Pensions which offers support to people of working age. Its aims are to

- help more people into paid work
- help employers fill their vacancies, and
- give people of working age the help and support they are entitled to if they cannot work.

For more information go to: [www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk)

**15. Connexions:** at Connexions House, 83 East Street, Epsom KT17 1DN Connexions Surrey is a free advice & guidance service for all 13-19 year olds all over Surrey (and up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities).

Connexions Personal Advisers offer information, advice and practical help to support young people with any issues that may be affecting their lives- from careers choices, working and learning, to more personal matters such as relationships, health and housing.

For more information contact: [connexions@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:connexions@surreycc.gov.uk) or phone: 01483 519333. Young people can also text a personal adviser on 07766 413 219

### **16. NextStep**

Advisers offer information, advice and guidance (IAG) sessions in various venues, including the Connexions offices.

Regular one-to-one advice sessions take place at Epsom Connexions Centre. Advice is also given on request at the Preston Neighbourhood Shop, Merland Rise and the Surestart Children's Centres.

'Return to Work with Confidence' workshops have been running at Epsom Connexions (83, East Street), every 2 months where the focus has been on lone parents and carers.

Workshops are also running for the over 50s, in addition to skills coaching where individualised, ongoing support is provided for people who are disabled or on Jobseeker's Allowance. This is a joint initiative with JobCentre Plus. Nextstep Advisers are also working with the probation service.

For further information, please contact: Anna Marples, Area Adviser, South East Surrey Nextstep, [anna.marples@vtplc.com](mailto:anna.marples@vtplc.com) Work mobile: 07739-955873.

### **17. AfE Epsom Office**

**Second Floor, 83 East Street, Epsom, KT17 1 DT**

A4e Skills is contracted by the LSC to deliver work related training programmes and nationally accredited qualifications that will improve skill levels within the UK workforce and help employers to:

- Develop a more flexible and adaptable work force
- Identify and improve opportunities to promote from within
- Increase their productivity

A4E works with employers to deliver training programmes and qualifications that are relevant and enable employees to maximise their effectiveness.

Tel: 01372 731450 or go to: [www.mya4e.com](http://www.mya4e.com)

### **18. ComputerGym**

**Felix House, 85 East Street, Epsom, KT17 1DT**

ComputerGym has recently moved from offices in Esher to new offices in Epsom, offering a range of courses, including NVQs. These range from information, advice and guidance to the iTQ . There is a network of NVQ assessors who visit learners in the workplace to help them create evidence for a portfolio which is assessed both internally and externally before accreditation can be awarded.

For more information Tel: Christine on 0844 800 8885

### **19. RBLI Federation House**

**21 West Street, Epsom KT17 7RL**

#### **Pathways to Work**

Since April 2008 RBLI has worked in partnership with Jobcentre Plus to deliver Pathways to Work in Kent and Surrey & Sussex. Pathways helps people with health conditions and disabilities find employment, providing support to help them move into work. There are around 100,000 people in Kent, Surrey and Sussex receiving an incapacity benefit, who are eligible for Pathways. RBLI works in partnership with Jobcentre Plus, determined to help disadvantaged people find the right job for them. RBLI works with around 1500 people a year in Surrey, of whom nearly 2/3 need support to access learning and training in a range of areas – skills for life, basic ICT, confidence building, preparation for work and vocational skills. RBLI has targets and funding to work with these individuals to help them find work, however, it is not funded to provide training for them. RBLI is always very keen to be kept up to date about what relevant provision is currently available, and to forge new partnerships and referral mechanisms to help these adults access appropriate learning opportunities and pre-employment support in Surrey. RBLI also has offices in Godalming, Epsom and Staines which can be accessed by partners in order to deliver learning to this client group on site.

The regional partnerships manager is Saxon Chadwick: [saxon.chadwick@rbli.co.uk](mailto:saxon.chadwick@rbli.co.uk)

## **20. Work Stress Solutions**

**167 Kingston Road, Ewell, KT19 0AA**

WSS offers training, work experience and support to vulnerable young people and adults, promoting service user involvement in all aspects of business development and decision making. Work Stress Solutions is a not for profit organization funded via grants and donations and provides services to enable people to return to work and maintain healthy lives.

The outcomes from a six month Learning Skills Council project grant demonstrated WSS's ability to deliver cost effective results. WSS achieved significant steps towards community integration and employment for all of trainees and exceeded their return to work targets by almost 100%.

WSS has also been successful in bidding for Grassroots funding from Surrey Community Foundation.

For more information contact: Phil Shepherd: 01372 276582 or e-mail:

[PhilShepherd@RadicalRelaxation.com](mailto:PhilShepherd@RadicalRelaxation.com)

### **Primary Schools and Children's Centres:**

The Schools Confederation Manager is Amanda Halden who can be contacted on : 07908 481 025 or by e-mail at: [haldena@linden-bridge.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:haldena@linden-bridge.surrey.sch.uk)

Address: Linden Bridge School, Grafton Road, Worcester Park KT4 7JW

### **1. Epsom Primary Surestart Children's Centre, Epsom Primary, Pound Lane KT19 8SD**

This new centre was opened in October 2009, with Michelle Manser as centre manager. Parents are welcomed to help with activities such as listening to children read, cooking, and assisting on outings. Questionnaires and forums are also used to gather parental views on how to improve the school.

All parents are invited to sign a Home School Agreement which states both what parents should expect from the school and what the school expects from parents. This ensures a full and active partnership that supports the well-being and development of each child. In particular, parents are asked to support the school's Homework Policy.

For further information Tel: 01372 749834 or email

[childrenscentre@epsom.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:childrenscentre@epsom.surrey.sch.uk)

### **2. Epsom Primary School**

Epsom Primary School has a three year Disability and Equality scheme, running from December 2007 – November 2010. This illustrates the challenges presented by being in the 2nd most deprived area of Surrey and the need for the services offered by the Surestart centre.

The school has 408 children on roll. The percentage of pupils from ethnic minority groups is well over twice the national average. The percentage of children eligible for free school meals is also twice the national average.

The percentage of pupils with special educational needs is 18%. This figure fluctuates between 18% and 25% from year to year. 2.6% of children have statements of special educational needs.

The breakdown of school population is as follows:

1.2 % of the school population have a diagnosis of ADHD.

6 % of the school population have moderate learning difficulties.

4% have behaviour, emotional and behavioural difficulties

3.6% have specific learning difficulties

2.9% have a primary need of speech, language and communication difficulties.

0.2 % have physical difficulties

0.2% have severe learning difficulties

0.2% have a diagnosis of autistic spectrum difficulties.

Therefore 27 % of those on the SEN register have behavioural emotional and social difficulties,

33% have moderate learning difficulties

16% have speech and language difficulties

20% have specific difficulties

Over 20 languages are spoken by parents and pupils including Urdu, Punjabi, Bengali, Portuguese and Polish.

### **3. SureStart Children's Centre , Epsom Downs Primary School**

**St. Leonards Road , Epsom Downs, KT18 5RJ**

The children's centre supports children, parents, and the community through the integration of early education, childcare, health and family support services, and aims to meet the needs of families with children aged 0-4 focusing on the Preston ward. The service provides a community setting for families with young children to access information, learning and support services.

The following activities are offered on a weekly basis: pre-school learning, beat the Monday blues breakfast club, breast feeding support group, a freedom course for people in abusive relationships and little steps pre school. A parent and toddler play and learn group meet twice weekly. Outreach sessions are conducted by the Surrey Domestic Violence Forum and the Citizens Advice Bureau on a weekly basis.

The centre has also run regular small groups that target specific areas of need e.g. first aid, nutrition, budgeting, parenting of children, skills development and supporting woman suffering from post-natal depression. Parenting support groups are co-run with the health visitor. A number of new courses will be available after the Easter break, including a new dads group for fathers with children aged 0-11, Family Links (covers parenting of children aged 3-11), budgeting (in partnership with Merland Rise Church) and a gardening project for parents and children to grow their own vegetables.

Surestart Children's Centre is part of a joint venture between Early Years and Epsom Downs Primary School. A building at the school has been converted and is being utilised as a nursery for full day care as well as offering sessions. The Surestart building will continue to offer family learning and support services for families. This classification means that the centre is responsible for Preston and Tattenhams wards.

The Family centre offers support to parents and childminders in a variety of ways.

For further information contact: [head@epsomdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@epsomdowns.surrey.sch.uk) or

[anita.hardcastle@epsomdowns@surrey.sch.uk](mailto:anita.hardcastle@epsomdowns@surrey.sch.uk)

#### **4. Banstead SureStart Children's Centre**

**The Horseshoe, Bolters Lane, Banstead, SM72BQ**

This centre is located in the heart of Banstead Village, together with Banstead Youth Centre in a well equipped and conveniently located community centre, managed by the YMCA. It signposts parents to local childcare, local activities, support groups and family information, for under 5's, in the Banstead area.

There are activities for parents and childminders throughout the week including Toddler playgroups, Sing and Sign sessions, Mummy Movers exercise class, Pram Walks, Family Cooking and sessions for Childminders.

On Saturday, there is a club called [Banstead Yippee](#) for children aged 5-12 years who have a disability or complex needs

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#### **5. St.Martin's SureStart Children's Centre**

**Worple Road, KT18 7AA**

This centre has been open since November 2009 and signposts parents and carers to IAG services, to the JobCentre Plus, Nextstep and Adult Education opportunities.

#### **Surrey Care Trust**

FACE Project Workers work with learners in the Learning Skills Council's (LSC) 'hard to reach' categories and have the flexibility to work with very small groups. A variety of courses have been running in the East of the county.

For further information, please contact Bridget Newbould, the Programme Manager of FACE, Surrey Care Trust by emailing [bridget.newbould@surreycaretrust.org.uk](mailto:bridget.newbould@surreycaretrust.org.uk) or call 07789-985582.

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#### **Workers' Educational Association (WEA)**

The WEA is an education charity committed to providing access to learning for all adults, particularly those who are disadvantaged by social or economic circumstances and have previously missed out on education. Throughout Surrey, the WEA offers courses which are planned and supported by volunteer branches. These courses are mainly cultural studies and include a wide range of subjects of interest to many people.

In East Surrey, **East Surrey College** and the **WEA** are working together to deliver adult and community learning under the brand name '*Learning for Life*'. The WEA offers a variety of courses to community and voluntary groups and programmes which are mainly aimed at people who are at a disadvantage socially, economically or educationally. As part of the partnership with East Surrey College, the WEA also offers a wide range of general courses including dance and singing. Please visit [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk) to find out more about the WEA.