

Childcare facilities

In response to the Ministers announcement below I thought it would be useful to offer a suggestion to how schools could meet this requirement by having a direct link from their website to the Families Information Service Hub (FISH) website www.fish.eastriding.gov.uk The FISH team hold up to date, accurate Ofsted registered childcare information and can help parents find appropriate childcare that suits their needs. Parents and professionals can also telephone the FISH team on (01482) 396469 for information, advice and support.

Ministers have announced that schools must publish details of childcare facilities alongside exam results to provide parents with a full range of criteria on which to base decisions about where to send their children. Children's minister Sam Gyimah said primary and secondary schools must provide details of full-time nurseries, after-school provision and what's on offer in the holidays. He said: "Getting the right childcare is one of the most important decisions any parents make. We want to make it easier for families to find and access as many high-quality options as simply as possible." It is noted that after-school clubs cost an average of £48.18 per week compared to £64.65 for a childminder. The cost of a part-time nursery place for a child under two is said to have increased by 32.8% under the current government.