

Hitchin Partnership

Hitchin Partnership comprises of the 27 schools situated within Hitchin town and the villages. It has a team of three to support the development of the parent support & specialist services which also includes extra-curricular projects. The focus is on our community and the ability to be reactive to the needs of our families and students:

- ◇ Helping schools join together to run clubs, activities and services, share ideas and funding to ensure good value for money and increased opportunities for young people and enabling the long term stability of such activities.
- ◇ Linking with organisations such as Charities, local businesses, Universities and other providers to work together effectively in the common interest of young people
- ◇ Being a source of information and advice for schools and partner organisations
- ◇ Developing networks of interested people and providing small amounts of funds to support initiatives and developments.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT—Can you offer support to the Partnership to further enhance the services in our community?

If you have resources/ funding or are a business looking to sponsor a project we would love to hear from you. Please contact Nicky Pedder.

Useful Contacts

Family Information Service 0300 123 4052

Information on childcare and children's services in your local area 0-18 yrs. www.herts.org/fis

Advisory Centre for Education 0808 800 5793

Provide independent advice to parents/carers of children in state-funded schools who are experiencing difficulties such as bullying, SEN, admissions to, and exclusions from school. www.ace-ed.org.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) 08444 111 444

Help people to resolve their legal, money and other problems by providing free, independent and confidential advice. www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Family Lives 0808 800 2222

24hour helpline offering a confidential listening service providing an opportunity to talk through the issues you are facing as a parent and help decide what to do next

ChildLine 0800 11 11 Got a problem?

Free and confidential helpline for children and young people. Open 24/7 www.childline.org.uk

Money Advice Unit

Useful information about benefits and debt advice. www.hertsdirect.org/benefits



The Forum provides a range of skills development programmes for adults. We also provide Information, Advice and Guidance. To find out more visit www.nhmf.org.uk



“Working together to meet the needs of all young people from 0-19years within the schools in Hitchin and the villages”

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Family Support Workers

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Throughout my working life I have worked in an array of environments such as a Nursery School where I worked as a qualified Nursery Nurse. I then continued with my professional development and studied Counselling skills for 2 years. I have also gained the national qualification and worked as a Learning Mentor for 2 years. My interest in family life continued and I went on to work in a Family Centre supporting families that were facing crisis. Today I work as a Family Support Worker for Hitchin Partnership, during this time I have attended numerous seminars as well as qualifying with a Diploma in working with families in schools.

“Being a parent is one of the best jobs in the world, but it can also be one of the most challenging and demanding”

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Margaret joined the team in April 2012, with numerous years of supporting children in various roles within education in Hertfordshire. Margaret is currently undertaking an accredited Mentoring qualification to further enhance her skills and looks forward to utilising these within her role.

What can we offer?

Hitchin Partnership currently employs two Family Support Workers to support you and your children with any concerns you may be facing around your child's learning, development and wellbeing. We provide an extensive service for parents to discuss confidential matters.

The team work with Hitchin schools and their families to remove barriers that are preventing family members achieving their full potential either on an educational, developmental or emotional wellbeing basis.

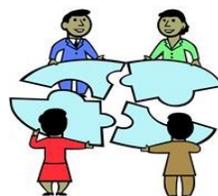
WE CAN HELP:

- ◇ Provide information to parents and carers
- ◇ Respond to specific needs within families
- ◇ Encourage parents and carers to become involved in their children's learning
- ◇ Being a “professional friend” at the hour of need (i.e. attending professional meetings etc)

Look out for us at coffee mornings, drop-in sessions or at open evenings at your own school.

You will also find details of parenting workshops and courses being run in our area on your school noticeboard

“Coming together is a beginning,
Keeping together is progress,
Working together is success”



Partnership Development

Childcare, holiday activities, out of school learning and family learning opportunities together with parent workshops courses continue to be areas for development for the Partnership and we strive to ensure families in Hitchin can access quality services within our community from a range of providers.

All courses and activities will be advertised through your school's newsletter and website and will also be available on the partnership website:

www.hitchinpartnership.org

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Nicky has worked with the Hitchin schools for the past five years supporting new and innovative projects in and around school life.