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Dear Families,

You have most probably been aware of the plans of Warwickshire County Council (WCC) to secure services for families with children under 5 in the context of more restricted funding.

Following a comprehensive consultation process the final plans for Children's Centres were approved by WCC in November.

WCC is committed to providing the best services possible for the children and families of Warwickshire. Therefore the council responded to the consultation by providing the following centres for the Stratford District:

Alcester Children and Family Centre
Stratford Children and Family Centre
Lighthorne Heath Children and Family Centre

Outreach services will be delivered in identified community venues throughout the district to ensure families have continued access to services

The centres will provide family support for families with children aged 0-19. Specific activities will be provided for families from pregnancy to when the child is 2 years old.

An 18 month period of transition towards the new model of Children and Family Centres will begin from April 1st this year. During the transition period the Parenting Project will continue to hold the contract for the delivery of the centre.

What this means for Southam Children's Centre

From April 1st, Children Centre services will no longer be delivered from The Barn at Arundel House. Staff will be based at Lighthorne Heath Children's Centre. Please be assured that services will still be delivered within Southam and we are aiming to develop outreach activities within the Southam area. Venues will be confirmed as soon as possible. Families can also attend Lighthorne Heath Children's Centre which will be open 9 to 4 Monday to Friday.

We will keep you informed of our plans for the timetable of activities and the services you can expect as soon as we have them in place. Further details and information updates can be found on our website www.parentingproject.org.uk & Parenting Project Facebook Pages