

Children in Our Care HUBs Project STOCKTON-ON-TEES

Academic Year 2023 – 24

**Autumn term 2023
Consultation Sessions**

**Summer term 2024
Introduction to new Children's Participation Manager
Sports Activities provided by Bede Sixth Form College**

AIMS

To co-produce the Hub Events with the children/young people to ensure they feel that their voices are heard.

Primary Session Autumn 2023

Date: 13th of October 23

Venue: Billingham South Primary School

Number of CIOC: 7

Number of schools: 2

The session began with an explanation of the Virtual School and the purpose of Hub events that some of the young people had attended last year.

The pupils were then asked to work as a group with an adult supporting to record the type of activities that they would be interested in taking part in as Hub Events

Ice skating x 2
Air Trail
Jump 360
Funshack x2
Softplay
McDonalds
Swimming
Park/Conker searching/
Beach/Seaton
Go Climb x 2
Cinema/ Bowling /Museum
Painting/ Christmas Crafts/Decorating Elves
Farm/Zoo Lab/Lama walking (Yarm)
Snowball fighting
Lazer Tag
Go Karting
Football/ Basketball/ Cricket
Fishing
Tilery Jumps

The younger children struggled with giving any ideas about what they might like to talk about during the sessions that would help the Local Authority understand their views/opinions.

I suggested they may want to some time to talk about what help they feel they will need when they are older and they immediately thought about help to find a job, help around housing, money and budgeting and help with driving lesson.

They also felt that it might be good to talk about Family Time.

Secondary Session Autumn 2023

Date: 6th of October 23

Venue: Ian Ramsey

Number of CIOC: 11

Number of schools: 2

The session began with an explanation of the Virtual School and the purpose of Hub events that some of the young people had attended last year.

The pupils were then asked to work in pairs to record the type of activities that they would be interested in taking part in as Hub Events

Football – Sixth Form College/MFC x2
Climbing wall – Sixth Form College/ Go Climg/ClipnClimb x3
Air Trail x 3
Canoeing at the Barrage
Jump 360 x2
Preston Park
Splash
McDonalds x 2/Pizza Hut
Dirt biking – Mddlesbrough
Gym
Rugby
Food – making something, cookies, cakes/ Meal somewhere
Inflatables – school field
Sculpting
Life Centre
Chess
Beach
Calm Session
Theatre
Flamingo Land/Lightwater Valley/Water Park
Level X
Funshack
Robinwood
Skydiving

The pupils struggled to think of aspects of being in care that they would like to give their views on so I recalled the time we were joined by Health Colleagues so the Secondary pupils could give their views around the Annual Medicals and added that the Local Authority have also collected views around What makes a good social worker previously.

The pupils agreed they would be happy to discuss these as they haven't been involved previously. Then in response to a comment from a pupil the group agreed they would like to meet with IROs, part of this was around understanding what the role of an IRO is.

Primary Session Summer 2024

Date: 3rd of June 24

Venue: Bede Sixth Form College

Number of CIOC: 15

Number of OOA LAC: 6

Number of SGO: 1

Number of schools: 6

The session began with brief introduction around the role of Virtual School and then an introduction to colleague Sophie Haste. Sophie talked about the Corporate Parent role and provided a body outline asking the pupils to draw what the pupils would want from their corporate parent.

Sophie will create her own report around the feedback from the pupils.

Ian Hewitt Bede Sixth Form's Strategic Manager in Sport & Enrichment along with colleagues Ross and Jack then led the pupils in some indoor dodge ball games that increased in level of difficulty and then some games on the astro turf court.

Feedback sheets were provided to school colleagues with a request that staff and pupils complete them the following day and return to Virtual School.

Pupil Feedback

What did you enjoy about the Hub Event?

Playing the games x2

Going somewhere new/different

Meeting other children

I enjoyed the games, particularly the last one

Seeing old friends from other schools

I enjoyed the dodgeball and the football skills we learned.

The dodgeball x2

I enjoyed the games especially the one like dodgeball with a teacher

I enjoyed the time at the event. Dodgeball was good, but banana splat was very good.

That we get to meet new people



Was there anything that could have been better?

No x3

No it was good

If we could have had a go at the climbing wall

Nothing because all of the activities were really fun

Yes I think we could do more things. For example, the climbing wall I saw.

Bit more time to finish rounds

Involve more teachers in the games

The walls in the hall could have been decorated to show different sports.

Seating area for when you got tired



Do you think the Hub Event helped you in any way?

Confidence for going to secondary school
Sport was good exercise
Help us get better at sports
Give us ideas to teach our brothers. I taught my brother the medic game
Yes, sometimes (most times) it lets me show the competitive me
Help me get fit
Helped to be kinder, and to help others
Helps me to concentrate
No x 2

Do you have any ideas for events next year?

No x2
Football (play) x 2
Arts and Crafts
Board games
Basketball, Cheerleading,
Yes, maybe we can learn cricket or climbing
Benchball
More games like banana split as I loved this game
I would like to try the climbing wall because I enjoyed the Forum one.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the event?

No x3
I enjoyed the sports and if there are any trips next year, I would go.
Nope the only thing I have to say is it's amazing
I really enjoyed my time and would like to come again
The staff were helpful I would like to go again
It was very fun

Staff Feedback

What do you think went well at the event?

Engagement with Sports staff
Fun games
The chance to make friends and enjoy the activities
Well organised
Sports leaders were enthusiastic and inclusive
The children thoroughly enjoyed every second of the event. It was fun, energetic and engaging.
All the children enjoyed the session. Kept busy

Were there any ways in which the event could have been better?

Can't think of anything on this occasion – maybe something for Key Stage 1?
Seats for the adults

How effective was the organisation?

Very x 2
Well organised
Very organised. Easy to book on, find the venue, and participate in.

In what ways do the pupils or school benefit from the Hub event?

The children develop a sense of identification. They make friends and have the chance to catch up/see each other. They get to have quality experiences outside the classroom.

Good for children to meet other CIOC children.

Good for confidence/communication etc.

Experience activities that they may not always have the opportunity to experience. Meet children in a similar situation to them.

Being able to meet other CIOC children.

Any further comments (Please share any ideas you have for future events)

Thank you very much for organising the event!

Unfortunately, the Secondary Key Stage 3 event, which was planned for the 10th of June, was cancelled by College due to moderation visits that needed to take place.