

# CHILDCARE ACTIVITY 2015-16

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF LANCASHIRE



## General overview of activity

Over the period of the financial year, Community Futures has extended its childcare activity to consolidate all the work being done in Brockholes, Burscough, Langho, Pilling and Roebuck. Negotiations have been underway to take over the Out Of School Club at Brockholes to centralise all delivery of all activity on the Brockholes site. Roebuck saw the expansion of its offer to local children to include holiday clubs when

required which have been greatly received. A variety of activities have been carried out within all the locations thereby aiding children's development, growth & understanding. Primarily our ethos is one of care and fun.

Roebuck had its first Ofsted inspection since we took it over and achieved a 'Good' rating which was fantastic news for the setting and also the school it serves.

Close working relationships

with local schools continue to flourish which aids in the transition of children from pre-school to their chosen mainstream schools. The Out of School Clubs also maintain links to ensure parents are kept well informed of any issues or needs their children may have.



## Interest escalates for Community Futures

As more and more regulations are rightly put in place to ensure the safety of children attending either preschools or out of school provision, voluntary childcare settings are finding it more difficult to engage with people in their communities willing to act as committee members. News of the involvement of Community Futures in taking on such provision on behalf of communities has become relatively well known and requests are regularly received for us to step in and take on these facilities to ensure continued local delivery. Whilst we are willing to consider any proposals we do need to ensure any new settings will fit in with our ethos and be able to work productively with us to ensure high quality childcare.



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## Cool Kidz @ Langho

The setting offers wrap around care from 7.30am to 9am and 3.30pm to 6pm. It provides breakfast and snacks ensuring they promote healthy eating.

The staff offer good quality childcare before and after school with the option of one-off

sessions and additional sessions if required and subject to numbers. The service aims to meet the needs of all parents as far as is possible. We also offer holiday clubs with themes, which run from 8am to

5.30pm, as long as there is enough demand.

Whilst the OOSC is not there to educate the children, the staff take great pride in developing the confidence and abilities of the children in their care, catering for the diverse interests each child may have.



## Location & facts

Cool Kidz@ Langho is based in St Leonard's C of E School in the Ribble Valley. The school is nestled in the countryside and can therefore offer a lot of outdoor space for the children who attend the out of school service.

Adjoining the school is the school house and the OOSC has been given the enviable job of caring for the gardens around the building which is an activity the children really enjoy. The setting caters for 103 children and

regularly has over 70 attending in any one day. The setting offers the children a range of good quality and interactive pastimes covering—gardening, cookery, art based activities, sports and free play all based around thematic planning activities.

## Staff

Karen Kemp  
Sammie Underwood  
Sue Duckett

Manager  
Deputy Manager (After school)  
Deputy Manager (Breakfast)

Lorraine Daykin  
Leigh Dewhurst  
Elaine Dorin  
Beth Heskett

Sylvia Isherwood  
Rachael Jackson  
Narinder Kaur  
Fran Penny

Sarah Town



## Cool Kidz @ Roebuck

Cool Kidz @ Roebuck offers similar care to that of our other OOSC in Langho. It is run by the previous manager of the Langho setting who has been able to bring in the systems and processes from her old site to create a professional and well-run setting in the heart of Preston. All staff are fully trained in childcare and have also

completed their mandatory training in Paediatric first aid, food hygiene, allergens, prevent duty & safeguarding at the appropriate levels.

Activities are conducted both indoors in the sports hall where the setting is located and also on the playing field that adjoins it. The staff are therefore

able to offer a wide range of varied activities for the children to experience and enjoy on a regular basis.



## Location & facts

Located in the heart of Preston, Cool Kidz @ Roebuck serves the children who primarily attend The Roebuck School. It has over 50 children on its register who regularly attend. The children are either walked over to the school in the morning or picked up after

school. Whilst this can create logistical issues with so many children to care for at any one time, both staff and children have a tried and tested system that means that children learn road safety as they move from location to location.

Activities include sports, arts and crafts, gardening, cookery, free play and computer activities and help is on hand with homework for those children who want to get theirs done before they go home.

## Staff

Julianne Wallbank

Manager

Helen Turner

Deputy Manager

Samantha Chadwick

Karen Doughty

Diane West



Children need the  
freedom and  
time to play.

Play is not a luxury.  
Play is a necessity.

Kay Redfield Jamison



**Jigsaw Nursery**  
@Brockholes Wood

## Jigsaw @ Brockholes Wood

Running from a purpose built building constructed in 2005 there is a capacity for 35 children in the Foundation Unit and a further 3 rooms offering care from babies through to age 4 years. The setting is open 51 weeks of the year and a number of staff work on a part time basis. The nursery's purpose is to reduce deprivation within the surrounding community whilst developing children in a safe and nurturing environment. We work extremely closely in partnership with Brockholes Wood CP School and Sunshine Children's Centre to support children and their families within the local community. The nursery is the registered childcare provider for the Children's Centre. We aim to provide an exceptionally high level of care and education to the children within our care. We do this by employing highly motivated and committed staff who sole focus is meeting the needs of the children. We ensure that effective child led observation, assessment and planning is implemented to help each child reach their full potential.

Play is the  
highest form  
of research

Albert Einstein

## Location & facts

Set on the Brockholes Wood Estate in Preston this urban setting has very strong community links and works closely with other local agencies to ensure the health , well-being and development of the children in its care.

## Staff

Stacey Cook

Manager

Nicki Hough

Deputy Manager

Nicky Batey

Asma Mamoojee

Amy Carroll

Mubaraka Babei

Charlotte Fare

Jessica Green

Rachel Livesey

Keve Singleton

Janet Procter

Jade Smith

Sam Chadwick

Laura Turriff

Maggie Vaughn

Jorden Winder

Debbie Woods

Linda Wilding

Angela Maiden

Lorraine Kendal

Candice Hawksworth

Rebecca Fare

Donna Moulding

Megan Bertie

Venus Bhatti

## Jigsaw @ Burscough

The setting has places for up to 25 children and has seen a steady increase over the reporting year in numbers. Investment has been made in the setting over the reporting period and this has also helped increase the number of children on roll. Opening term time only the setting acts as a feeder to the local schools and has a strong and long standing

relationship with the Methodist School from which the building is leased.

Benefitting from a new manager earlier in the reporting year and having appointed new staff to take on the roles of deputy and play worker the setting is now embedding its working practices in time for the

forthcoming Ofsted inspection. Children benefit from a range of indoor and outdoor activities which are both child and staff led to ensure every child has a positive experience whilst attending the setting.

Children  
are not things  
to be moulded,  
but people  
to be unfolded.

- Jess Lair

## Location & facts

Jigsaw @ Burscough is located, as its name suggests, is in the West Lancashire town of Burscough. Working closely with and using the playground of the local Methodist school allows the setting to offer a variety of outdoor play options for the children. The range of activities on offer include sport, role play, gardening, den making, water and sand play, IT play and a range of arts and crafts pursuits are on offer too. Each year the children create a play which they perform for their parents and other relatives and which acts as a way of building the children's confidence. They also have a sports day on the school playground.

The setting offers a breakfast and lunch club and provides a range of healthy and fun snacks during the day.

## Staff

Clare Peet

Manager

Julie Harris

Deputy Manager

Helen Houldsworth

Elaine Lea (Volunteer)

Sue Jones

Stuart Rood (Volunteer)

Ann Molyneux



## Jigsaw @ Pilling

The setting offers wrap around care 5 days per week 9am to 3pm. Staff are well trained and experienced practitioners. Snacks are provided daily and the children bring their own lunch to eat with their friends in a sociable environment. Annual trips are provided by the setting under the care and guidance of the staff but with parents attending also to ensure it is a true 'family' outing which the children enjoy a great deal. Volunteering opportunities are offered to local residents on request and if numbers allow, and many have gone on to undertake formal training and become staff members.



## Location & facts

Set in the Borough of Wyre, Jigsaw @ Pilling is the oldest of our childcare settings and benefits from a very friendly and rural location. Based in the Silver Band Hall on Fieldhouse Lane it is open 5 days per week in term time only. It has 20+ children on its register.

Activities are both child and practitioner led and make use of the indoor and outdoor resources available on a daily basis. Types of activities include painting, crafts, stories, reading, IT, building, sand and water play and free play where the children simply learn through their own play experiences. During the year all staff have undertaken the necessary training required to make the setting a good high quality provision.

## Staff

Claire Forrest

Manager

Grace Oswell

Deputy Manager

Alison Walmesley

Sue Little

Joanne Haslam

Averil Williamson

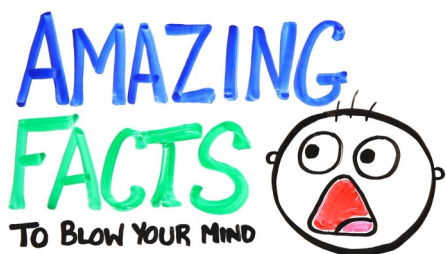


## Going Forward .....

Moving into 2016-17 we anticipate a firm proposal to take on the out of school club at Brockholes and potentially acquiring settings if the circumstances are right.

In the we envisage 3 Ofsted inspections at our sites in Brockholes, Burscough and Pilling and staff are busy preparing for this as part of their day to day working with the children.

Staff training and development continues as part of our commitment to ensuring staff have the tools they need to be able to care, educate and develop the children in our care.



## Our childcare facts at a glance!

In 2015-16 we

- ◇ Made over 6540 hours of childcare available to communities
- ◇ Provided over 150,000 hours of childcare to individual children
- ◇ Employed 50 staff and have 5 volunteers
- ◇ Had 1 Ofsted inspection which was rated 'Good' and 1 Ofsted site inspection
- ◇ Provided 32,000 meals/snacks
- ◇ Cared for over 300 children
- ◇ Carried out 150 appraisals and reviews
- ◇ Had a turnover of £450,000
- ◇ Held 30 staff meetings
- ◇ Took on a new setting at Jigsaw Brockholes Wood

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