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Dear **Parents & Carers**

Re: Closure of Extended Services in Sebright Children's Centre

Hackney have confirmed that Extended Services at Sebright Children's Centre will be decommissioned by end of March 2024. In light of this decision and confirmation that Daubeney Children's Centre will be a designated Children & Family Hub, the proposed changes to the staffing structure will impact on both the Extended Services teams in Daubeney and Sebright. In light of these decisions, there is a need to restructure both Extended Service staff teams.

The proposed changes are designed to support the transition to the Children & Family Hub model of service provision within the London Borough of Hackney (LBH). The Children & Family Hubs will deliver an enhanced offer of universal and targeted services across health, early help and community services.

As part of the Children & Family Hubs and Start for Life programme, the council is moving to a model of service provision that will broaden the role of 4 out of 6 of our strategic children's centres from a 0 - 5 years' service to a 0 - 19 years (25 with SEND) service. Teams and services from right across the council, as well as other professionals and voluntary sector bodies will work together to provide friendly, cohesive and tailored support during pregnancy and for families with younger and older children.

The 4 Children & Family Hubs align with a broader transformation led by the LBH that sees a shift to a 'neighbourhood' model of service management: each of the 4 Children & Family Hubs will act as a central hub and strategic centre for their respective neighbourhood areas. The Four Hubs in Hackney will be Ann Tayler, Daubeney, Linden and Woodberry Children's Centres.



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Head of Centre: Suzanne Carmichael

It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you that from 1st April 2024 Sebright Children's Centre will no longer be delivering Drop In's, Stay & Play's, Adult Learning, Speech and Language, and some Health & Community Services.

Hackney have taken the decision to de-commission this part of the Children's Centre funding stream. It will be a loss to so many families who use the services in Sebright and it will certainly be a great loss to the staff team who have worked for many years delivering a range of sessions and activities to families with children under 5 years of age. All services will continue to run and be delivered by centre staff and partners up to 31st March 2024.

The nearest centres to Sebright who will continue to deliver services after the 1st April in this neighbour will be Mapledene Children's Centre and Ann Tayler Child & Family Hub.

Alongside the changes and cut to extended services in Sebright our day-care nursery provision is also undergoing a 12-week consultation. The link to take part in this consultation is bit.ly/childrens-centre .

Best wishes

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