

High Trees gives children the best start in life

Hertford Regional College, working in partnership with Squirrels Day Nursery and other partners, has been approved to provide a Children's Centre for Turnford and Wormley.



The new centre called High Trees will provide services including childcare and health services for children aged 0-4 and their families. Situated at the Broxbourne site, the Centre has been officially recognised as a Children's Centre after completing a lengthy consultation period with local authorities and the local community.

The High Trees management team met with Vicky Lant, from Together 4 Children, to review the Centre's plans and core services, as well as visiting Squirrels Day Nursery which will provide the Centre's day care facility.

Ms Lant was very impressed with the plans for the delivery of services at High Trees and commented on two main strengths, the New Beginnings Programme for Teenage Parents due to start in February (after half term) and the impressive children's consultation approach used to identify what children under 5 wanted from the Centre.

The new Children's Centre building, which will be completed in 2009, is in the final planning stages. However many of High Trees services are available now. To find out more contact Linzi Schier, Children's Centre Manager on 01992 411904. Linzi is also based at Hertford Regional College's Broxbourne Centre on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons to offer help and advice to parents and their families.



Photo: (left to right) Jo Kavakeb, Squirrels Day Nursery Proprietor; Jane Alford, Director of Planning HRC; Linzi Schier, High Trees Children's Centre Manager and Gill Forrest, CoVE Initiative Manager.