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Sure Start Hemlington and Newham

Evaluation of Playdays 2004

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Parent and Toddler Group in the Newham Ward
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Aim:
1. To provide a play session for children 0-4 years of age with educational stimulating toys and a chance for parents/carers to interact with their child and meet other parents/carers.
2. To provide an opportunity for parent/carers to access the local school and for the head teacher/foundation staff to get to know local parents/carers and children before they attend nursery.

History
The session has been running since September where 7 adults and 11 children attended. Since that session the numbers have increased to between 12 and 15 adults and 15 to 20 children. There are 5 childminders and 2 grandparents attending on a regular basis.

Methodology
A questionnaire was developed with the support of a Parent Evaluator. The questionnaire was circulated to members of the group over 2 sessions.
**Evaluation Results:**

1. The parents/carers and children thoroughly enjoyed the session and that they wouldn't like the session to change in the foreseeable future.

2. One person would like to have tea and coffee provided and 2 people would like it on extra days.

**Recommendations**

1. Consider how the Sure Start programme can evidence the aims of the group
2. Consider the support of parent evaluators in preparing and analysing any future evaluations
3. Consider involving head teacher / foundation staff in future evaluations