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## **CHILDREN'S CENTRES MOVING FORWARD INTO 2012**

Over the past 5 years Leatherhead Trinity Children's Centre has provided a wide range of services for families in the local community. In 2008 Surrey County Council approached the centre to develop an additional two centres – one covering the reach area of Bookham, Fetcham and Effingham 'Wellspring Children's Centre' and the other being 'Ashted Children's Centre' covering Ashted. The centres work closely together and Leatherhead Trinity has the overall responsibility for all three centres.

The Government is committed to keeping a network of Surestart Children's Centres across the country to provide services for families with children under five. They have given the responsibility of this to each Local Authority.

Surrey County Council have asked Children's Centres where one or more centres are managed by one organisation to consider whether the reach areas could be merged. The governing body at Leatherhead Trinity has agreed that it would be an effective way to continue to offer support for families in all three areas. Therefore it is proposed that Leatherhead Trinity, Wellspring and Ashted Children's Centres will be merged and become one designated Children's Centre by March 2012.

All three centres will continue to offer high quality activities to families from their current venues and all three centres will continue to be known by their current names as they each have a strong identity in their communities. The merger will not affect the level of service parents currently receive. Leatherhead Trinity will continue to have the overall responsibility for running the centre, employing staff and planning activities for families.

If you have any questions about the merger please contact Hazel Davies  
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