

The Extended Schools Project video text

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Victoria Infant and Nursery Schools spokesperson:

“Victoria Infant and Nursery schools have worked towards ‘Extended Schools’ for the last 8 to 10 years, and finally about 5 years ago we actually opened our first part of extended schools which was the day-care facility for nursery children, and that was extremely successful. From that we then introduced school meals, and the school meals service supported us in that, and financially supported to enable us to have additional staff so that we could run that.

That led into then looking at ‘Early Start’. That was the next area that the parents wanted to have support in, so we now open the schools at 8am, and the children from the junior schools can be dropped off here because it’s something that once they get used to in the infant school if they moved to the juniors and it isn’t there you’ve got to consider continuing that.”

Interview with parents:

“It means that I can go out to work and bring my child to where they are meeting lots of other children, doing lots of exciting things, and socialising. I’ve got a little boy too who’s 3, and he just missed getting into Nursery which was free in April, so he’s going to have to wait until September to get his free placement. This is quite affordable for me to bring him here as soon as he was 3, and he really enjoys coming.