



Working together to achieve the best for families in challenging circumstances

About us

Mole Valley Family Centre has been in existence since 2019 and we are proud to be led and managed by Dorking Nursery School. The Family Centre team is based in a purpose built building on Goodwyns Road in Dorking and the staff work with families from across the whole of Mole Valley.

The Nursery School was inspected in November 2021 and continues to be the only Ofsted 'Outstanding' rated maintained nursery school in Surrey. At Mole Valley Family Centre, we share the passion and commitment of the Nursery to achieve the best for all the families we work with.

Our history

The Nursery opened in 1939 and has been at the heart of life in Dorking since this time. In 2008, our long established and highly successful maintained nursery school was designated as a Children's Centre. The Children's Centre in Dorking was one of 2 centres in Mole Valley at that time.

In June 2017, Dorking Nursery School and Children's Centre became a recognised National Support School by the Department for Education.

In September 2018, the Governing Body took on the leadership of Chertsey Nursery School and the schools work in close partnership and the Governing Body Federated in April 2019.

From September 2019 the Governing Body of Dorking Nursery School and Chertsey Nursery took on leadership of the new Mole Valley Family Centre and at this time we were successful in recruiting experienced staff from both the Leatherhead and the Dorking Children's Centres. This blended team has now been working together for more than 2 years.

Current vision and services

We now run services for families with children age 0-11 years who live in Mole Valley, providing a wide range of activities, services, information and advice, including outreach and parenting support. We aim to supplement our core service by fundraising and working in partnership with local providers and charities in order to be able to intervene earlier in children's lives. We remain passionate about the need for good quality support and services for all parents from as early as possible and we have a passion to see children reach their full potential whatever their circumstances.

Opportunities for staff training and development are maximised and the whole organisation has a focus on staff wellbeing. We recognise that our biggest asset is the staff themselves and we aim to develop their skills to be able to deal with the challenges of the work and also to encourage them to strive for high standards in all they do.

For more information visit our website www.molevalleyfamilycentre.co.uk