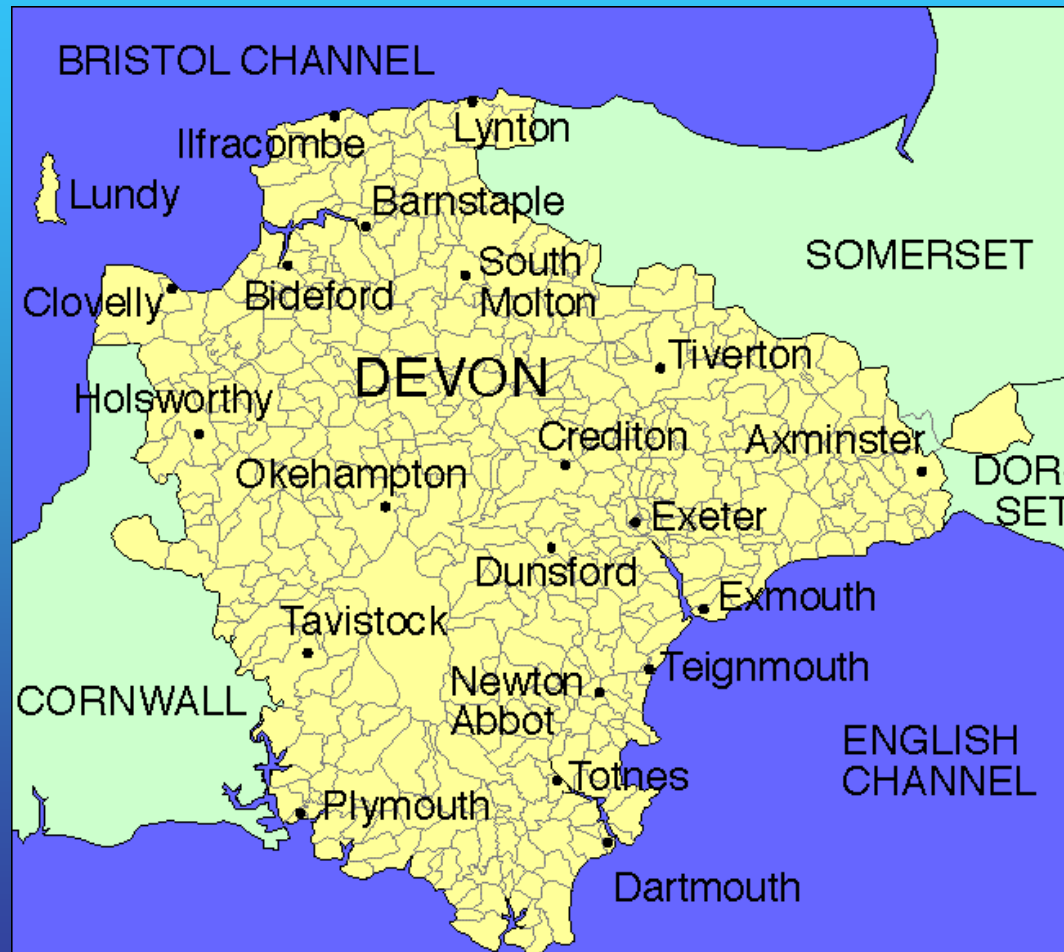


Extended Schools and Childcare

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Two strands of government policy

- National Strategy For Neighbourhood Renewal
- 'Every Child Matters'

Extended Schools 'Core'

- offer a wide range of study support activities;
- parenting support, including family learning
- ensure swift referral from schools to a wider range of specialised support services for pupils, working through Children's Trusts;
- all primary schools will develop a 8am-6pm wrap-around childcare offer by 2010.
- community use of facilities

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Parents; CYPS; PCT; Vol. Orgs; Police

Children's Trust Local Forums

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Children's Centres: Child Concern Pathway: Extended Schools:

CHILDCARE WITHIN THE CORE OFFER

Core Offer

- Childcare is the biggest issue for Heads due to concerns of:
- Additional responsibility
- Sustainability.



STUDY SUPPORT

- Most schools provide some after-school activity sessions.
- Staffed by volunteers, so free to students.
- Problems:
 1. No contingency plans for cancellation.
 2. Often over- subscribed.

OVERCOMING PROBLEMS

- Employing staff (such as TAs) & making Childcare part of their contract.
- Directing parents to directory of Childcare services (in Devon, DISC)
- Childminder Link Scheme.
- Recruiting additional childminders in areas where shortage identified.

CHILDCARE FOR 11-14 YEAR OLDS.

- Study Support also used by parents of Secondary pupils as Childcare.
- Funding available for Childcare but not Study Support, so necessary to find ways of combining these elements.
- Important to ensure Clubs not perceived as “Childcare” as teenagers won’t want to be associated with this.

COBRA- Chill Or Be Radically Active!

- Employs 2 qualified Youth Workers
- Sessions can be booked in advance or paid for as “Drop In” session
- Runs for 2 hours every afternoon, plus Easter & Summer holidays
- Flexible system alongside Sports & Arts Study Support sessions available
- 3 year funding in place

