



Rother Valley Hub Newsletter

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A Year in the Life of the RV Inclusion Hub - September 2015 to September 2016

Training Programme

In our first year of Hub training we provided a range of courses including:

- School Start Programme Briefing 2015
- School Start Programme review
- School Start Briefing for Sept 2016
- Speech and Language Progression Skills tools
- Makaton Training
- Helen Arkell Dyslexia training
- SENDCo drop in support for EHCP
- SENDCo Group Meetings termly
- Lego Therapy
- SEND governors

132 staff attended training as well as a further 160 staff who attended workshops at the Rother Valley Schools Conference - in total 292 staff.



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Speech and Language Project

69 children in reception classes across the Rother Valley Schools participated in the School Start Programme between October 2015 - July 2016.

What difference did it make to the children who participated in the School Start Programme?

- “more confidence”
- “has had a chance to experience success”
- “listening skills”
- “awareness of sounds and rhyme”
- “more eager to have a go in class with writing”
- “better at following instructions in class
- “eye contact improved”
- “greater participation in class, like answering questions”
- “also used with a child in year one who has shown improvements. She has learnt to listen more carefully and is more able to break down words and read them” le to break down words and read them”

Staff also involved in using the programme valued the training and said that it made them ‘more aware of looking at the speech and language skills of reception age children’ and felt more skilled in working with groups of children who needed to develop these skills.

The funding for the project also enabled us to purchase the ‘Speech,

Language and Communication Progression Tools’ for each school as well as provide training and support with a speech and language therapist in using the tools.



The Communication Trust
Every child understood

Trial PARM Project

The fifteen primary schools in the Rother Valley were funded to receive two days of Educational Psychology support between November 2015 and March 2016. Evaluation of the project reported that the consultation focused support and individual pupil assessment support provided by Alex boys was highly valued by all the schools. 69 individual pupils were discussed and 13 whole school issues were brought for discussion. The schools were able to use the allocated time flexibly according to their specific needs. This effective project was used as the basis for our successful funding bid for county 2016-2017.

Successful Funding Bid

We were successful in our application to county to fund £10000 for a special project based on the trial PARM project described in the above paragraph. This will enable us to commission an Educational Psychologist to provide bespoke support to schools, training for staff and some work with parents.

A Very Exciting Parent Roadshow!

On 17th June 2016 the RV Hub organised an event for parents. Over fifteen different services and groups that provide support or information for families gathered at Midhurst Memorial Hall.













After a short presentation about the RV Hub, parents and staff from school were encouraged to talk with the representatives of the many organisations there to support them. Refreshments were provided during this time as well as a range of ways of finding out parents views about their needs. There was a really exciting energy with the many conversations happening all around the room.



Parents voting posters have given us an idea of what further support they would like.

Rother Valley Roadshow – Parent Feedback

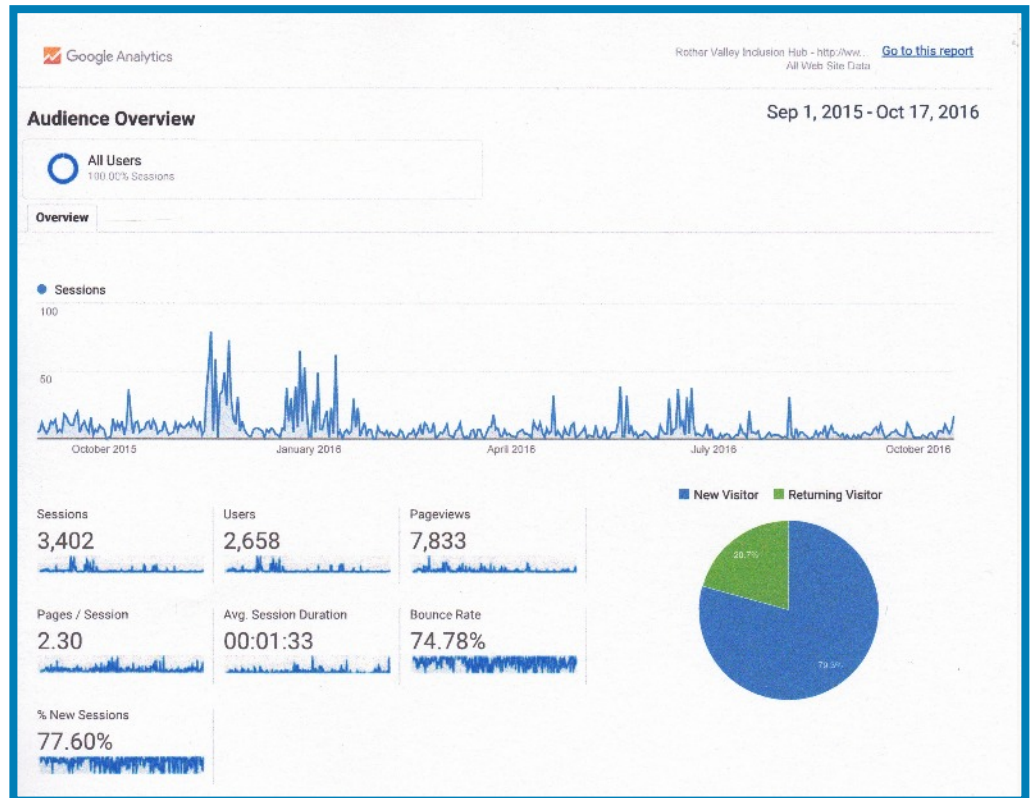
Voting posters - What would parents like help and support with?		
Topic		Number of votes
	Help with managing behaviour	16
	What to do if your child is unhappy	14
	Helping your child with learning	12
	Self Esteem	11
	Helping your child make friends	9
	"Drop ins" with other services e.g. school nurse	8
	Speaking and Listening	8
	Transition	6
	Bullying	5
	Where to find information	3
	Sleep	2
	Help with family relationships	2
	Eating	1

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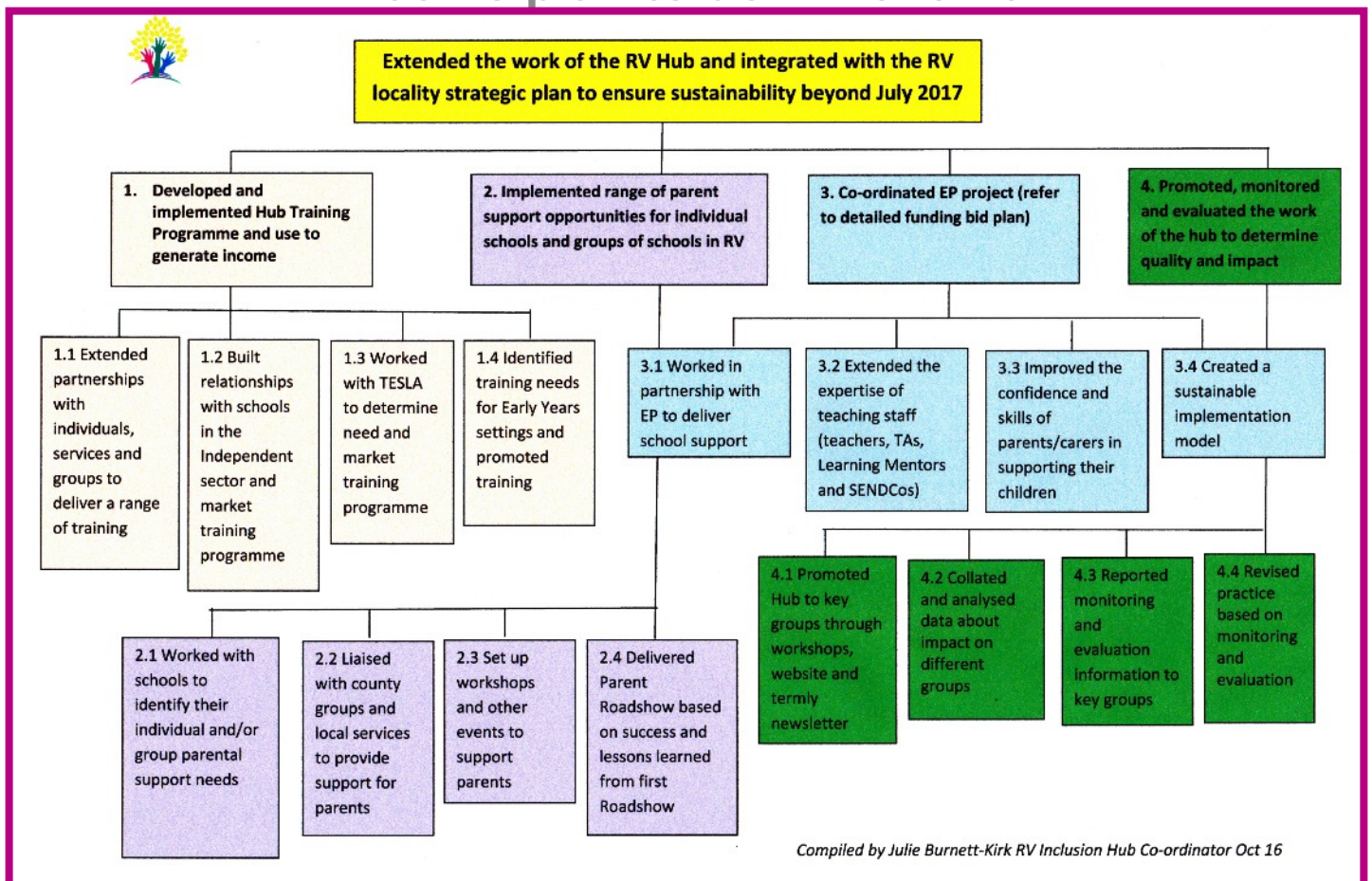
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A Really Useful Website

The Rother Valley Hub website continues to be well used with 2,658 users. Parents and staff feedback have confirmed how useful the website is in providing information as well as signposting to other helpful areas.



What we plan to do in 2016-2017



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