

## Introduction to the 'Mothers Matter' Project at Woodcroft Primary School

*We are about to start an exciting project at Woodcroft that will help non-English speaking parents support their children in school. One aspect of this work is a FREE course to teach English to mothers. This accredited ESOL course will start in January, so we are enrolling now. We would like all mothers who are interested to sign up at the school office. At this stage it is only an expression of interest. Final enrolment will take place after an initial meeting in January.*

*Thank you.*

### The Aims of the Project:

- Improve the English language skills of non-EU national mothers (limited places available for EU Mothers who meet the entry criteria)
- Increase the involvement of non-EU national mothers in their children's school to support their child's education and learning at home

### The ESOL 'Skills for life' course is suitable for Non-European Union mothers who only speak limited English, for example:

- Who use simple sentences of up to four or five words but these are often ungrammatical, e.g. 'I long time live in London.'
- May be hard to understand because of poor pronunciation.
- Or can only give basic information on common everyday topics, for example:
  - basic greetings: 'hello', 'goodbye'
  - simple responses such as 'yes', 'no', 'please', 'thank you', 'sorry'
  - Can give own name, address
  - Use basic vocabulary for accommodation, furniture and surroundings e.g. 'house', 'flat', 'kitchen', 'bathroom', 'table', 'bed', 'street', 'park'

Or

- Mothers with no understanding of or spoken English at all.

### Features of the ESOL 'Skills for life' Course

- 15 places available
- 2 x 2 ½ hours per week (9.00am to 11.30am - two mornings per week)
- 10 weeks in the Spring Term (starting January)
- 5 weeks in the Summer Term
- Lasts for a total of 75 hours accredited ESOL
- All tuition takes place at Woodcroft
- Crèche available
- Programme ends 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015
- Tuition by Harrow Adult Community and Family Learning

### An Introduction to Adult, Community & Family Learning

The Adult Community and Family Learning (ACFL) Service is based in Harrow and is a community based provider with many years experience in delivering learning in schools, children's centres, and community centres.

The service is committed to continuing improvement and is subject to Ofsted inspections. All tutors deployed in the Mothers Matter project will be observed on recruitment and then again in the first 6 weeks of delivery. The service was graded as Good in an Ofsted inspection November 2013

### What next...

Please register your interest at the school office. We will then hold a meeting in early January for all parents who have expressed an interest. At this meeting we will confirm your suitability for the course and go over all of the details.