

COUNTY MATTERS

Children's Centres



Introducing your Kent County Council candidates

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Education

Building Schools for the Future (BSF) is a multi-billion pound (£1.7bn in Kent) Labour government-funded scheme to re-build or refurbish all the secondary schools in Kent. In Thanet work has already started on St. George's School and in the pipeline are new buildings for Charles Dickens, King Ethelbert's, Dane Court, Ellington/Hereson, Clarendon House and Chatham House.

The Tories have said they will axe the BSF programme that uses money from central government. This would be a tragedy for our schoolchildren as many of these schools have reached their best-before date.



Jenny & Michelle inspecting the building works at St. George's C of E Foundation School, part of the huge government funded BSF programme.

We fully support the Government funded Children's Centre building programme. The Labour Government is committed to providing £4bn funding for Early Years /Sure Start and Children's Centres - £50m in Kent. The Tories say they will axe this programme that offers essential support, help and training to the parents of young children. We believe pre-school education is vital to help the social development and learning skills of pre-school children. These centres help many parents to cope with the demands of raising a family and offer vital support to all.



Jenny & Michelle at the Newlands Children Centre

The Conservatives at Kent County Council continue to waste your Council Tax-Kent TV:

£1m (this works out at £2 per viewer!) KCC Tory propaganda: £12m for publicity Turner Contemporary: £17m and counting Kent Highways re-organisation: £30m. De-dualling of Fort Hill: £1m of unnecessary work. Funding to Mansion Airport: £200,000 Trips to the USA: £36,000 Image consultants: £48,000

Total of our money wasted: £61,284,000

And we won't mention the £50m in Icelandic banks or the total would be a staggering £111,284,000 of our money.

Kent Tories are on course to increase your Council Tax bill by at least 5% next year!