

Hub News



Aberfoyle Hub School

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CHICKEN BABYSITTERS

We have finally gained Local Council and Government approval for our new Environmental Education Centre, in particular the **chicken house** that will be part of the complex. We anticipate that the first stages of construction will begin soon. The Centre will be situated on the vacant land next to Room 23.

Early next term we have arranged for a delivery of '**Living Eggs**'. Children will see 10 eggs hatch in an incubator and we will then have responsibility for caring for the chickens. After the incubator is taken away (2 weeks after delivery of the eggs) we will keep the chickens in a box, with a 60W globe to keep them warm, for 6 weeks. This will take us through until the end of the school year. Hopefully by then the Environmental Centre will be finished and we can transfer them to the chicken house in the Centre.

We will need lots of family and student support to:

- Care for the chickens at home, if necessary, until the Centre is completed (you will need to have a fox-proof enclosure)
- Visit the school each day on weekends to water and feed the chickens (and collect the eggs)
- Look after the chickens during the week if the Groundsperson is on holidays.

We will establish a roster to ensure that as many families as possible are given the opportunity to care for the chickens. I would be pleased to hear from families who might be interested.

David Rusk

