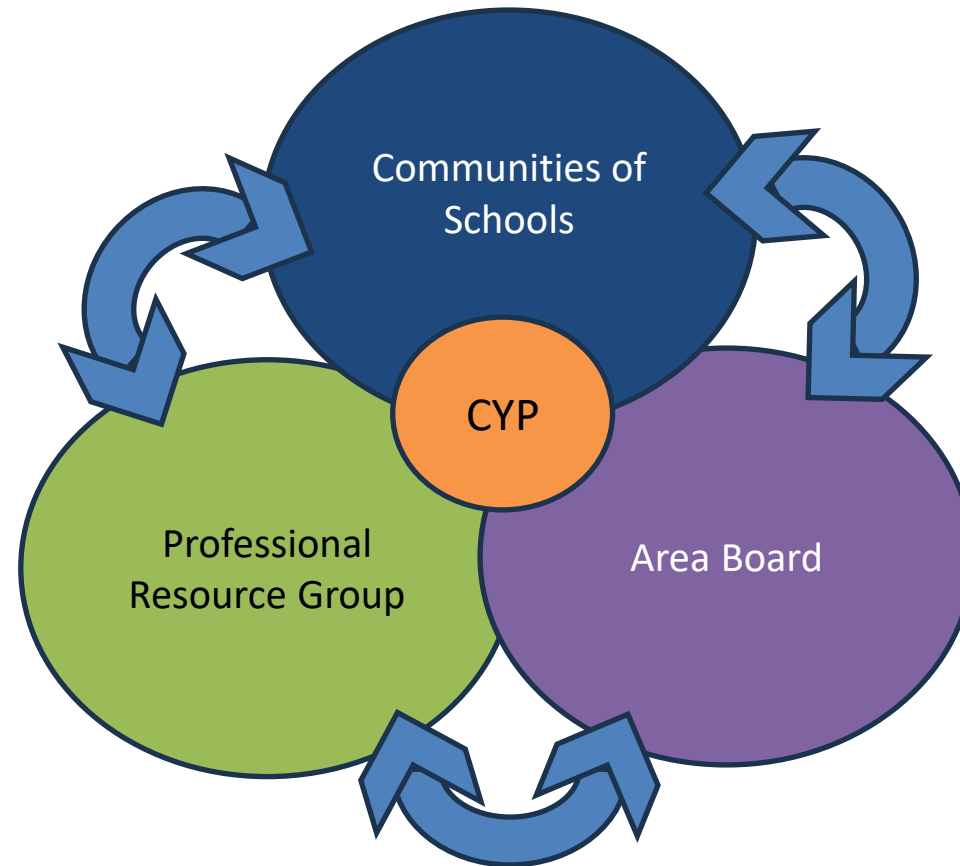


COMMUNITIES OF SCHOOLS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCALITY MODEL

VIRTUAL KEEPING IN TOUCH MEETINGS

26th March 2025

Meeting Needs Locally



KELSI

- [Locality Model for School Inclusion - KELSI](#)
- Please keep looking at Kelsi for updated information. It is intended that information is updated every month
- FAQ document is held on Kelsi - [Updates, Frequently Asked Questions and Keeping in Touch - KELSI](#)

Communities of Schools – Induction into a new way of working

- Dates for Community Induction Meetings
 - South – Monday 28th April 1pm - 4pm – Discovery Park, Sandwich
 - North – Wednesday 30th April 9am – 12pm – Inn on the Lake, Shorne
 - West – Friday 2nd May 9am – 12pm – Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Maidstone
 - East – Tuesday 6th May 1pm -4pm – University of Kent, Canterbury

Purpose

Meet the chairs.

Establish relationships and get to know context

Share documentation and process

Ensure consistency of messaging.

Registration for meetings on Kelsi - [Updates, Frequently Asked Questions and Keeping in Touch - KELSI](#)

Updates to New Ways of Working

- STLS will come into KCC. Process has started. Will be finalised on 1st Sept 2025
- LIFT will cease to exist 31st July 2025
- LIFT Executive will cease to exist July 2025.

- Mapping of children with most complex needs to move to a 'specific allocation' will start in Term 5
- This work will start with Special Schools and work towards mainstream.
- This will take about 18 months to complete

Support for schools

- Following induction meetings, further training will be available to schools in Terms 5 & 6.
- This training will be conducted by the Educational Psychology team to support different approaches to provision.
- Extra surgeries will be available to schools from the SEN IA team to support review of provision maps.
- Themes from the communities will be used in review and evaluation process.
- District data dashboard being updated. This is the data set we set out to monitor outcomes for children. [Microsoft Power BI](#)

Reminder of Key Changes

Mainstream Top Up Funding (E3)2025-26

- Current claim system for top-up funding ceases 31st March
- No further claims post from 1st April
- All agreed claims will continue to be paid until 31st August 25
 - this includes claims that were due to renewed for the Summer Term. No need for re application (subject to child still being at the school)
- Existing top-up claims for children with EHCP above £6k (as at 31st Dec 24) will continue to be paid directly to the school. No need for re application. Money will follow the child. This includes Year 6 into 7 transfer (mainstream). This will continue until August '26.
- Notional top up funding (contribution towards first £6k for small schools) to continue until 31st Aug 26.

Funding

- Budgets for communities are being shared with community chairs today.
- Will be shared with schools by the end of the week.
- Protections are being 'built in' following feedback. This reduces the amount of funding available for the Communities Pot.
- These protections are for Sept 2025 – July 2026 ONLY.
- 2025 – 2026 is considered a 'transition year' as we embed a new model of working.
- Expectation is that 2025 – 2026 will support planning for the future.
- Budgets will be published on KELSI.

Continuum of Need and Provision

- Work still ongoing in the groups to finalise the content
- Publication in May 2025
- Three large working groups of school leaders. Thank you to all involved @ 30 schools/trusts. Mainstream, SRP, PRU and Special

SEN Policy

- [SEND Policy - KELSI](#)
- Kent wide template for schools to use on their websites for SEN Policy
- Developed by Inclusion Champions – adheres to DfE requirements
- Allows governors to be able to monitor the effectiveness of the SEN provision in their schools
- To work in conjunction with the SEND Information Report.
- [SEND Information Report - KELSI](#). Parents are main audience.

Any questions?



Thank you for your attention