

COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCALITIES MODEL

KEEPING IN TOUCH MEETINGS

11th December 2024

Updates so far

- Chairs being recruited
- Funding consultation
- Communities on KELSI
- Regular updates on KELSI re Universal Offer
- PINS project has started with Maidstone communities – looking at how this will develop across the county

Funding Consultation

- Engagement sessions; over 300 in attendance across both virtual and face to face sessions – thank you for your engagement
- 221 Responses to consultation
- Analysis of responses underway.
- Due to go to Cabinet in January 2025 for a Key Decision
- Working with Kent PACT to ensure we can support schools with parent queries.

Community Chair

- Thank you to those who have sent in Expressions of Interest
- Allocations to communities underway in readiness for Term 3
- Face to Face induction meetings for Chairs are planned between January and April 2025
- Work will be done with Community Chairs to finalise operating guidance documents. Responses gathered during the funding consultation will support this.
- Meetings with Nottinghamshire and Croydon to share processes and practice and national meetings for all LAs who operate the model. This will inform our model going forward

Continuum of Need & Provision – Working Groups

- Groups have been working together over the last couple of months to develop further input into the Continuum of Need and Provision
- Any outstanding feedback is being received by the end of this term
- Document is due to be finalised by Spring 2025

Accessibility	
Christopher Dale	St Nicholas CE Primary Academy
Laura Fowler	Bidborough Primary School
Mainstream	
Karen Blake-Morris	Dartford Bridge Community Primary School
Matt Baron	St John's Catholic Comprehensive School
Lucy Pickard	Brunswick House
Graeme Bowden	Fulston Manor School
Lauren Wharmby	Mundella Primary School
Grammar	
Lucy Holmes	Dane Court Grammar School
Charlotte Speed	Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys
Lou Morris	Maidstone Girls Grammar School
Rob Green	Simon Langton Girls' Grammar
Sarah Fowles	Chatham and Clarendon Grammar School
Mainstream Plus	
Sam Frorath	The Abbey School
Rachel Peachey	Tenterden Primary Foundation
Krissy Yates	Turner Schools
Sarah Stein	Godinton Primary School
Lucy Stephen	Homewood School and Sixth Form
Alternative Provision	
Yvonne Nunn	Hampton Primary School
Kayleigh Hales	The Rosewood School

SEMH	
Pauline Blayney	Maidstone and Malling Alternative Provision
Emma Bracey	Salmestone Margate
Neerasha Singh	Northfleet Nursery School
Anne Marie Middleton	N/A
Sarah Roberts	Holy Trinity & St John's Church of England Primary School
Emma Law	East Stour Primary School
Kate Le Page	The Wells Free School
Stella Coulson	Wittersham CEP School
Kirsten Collin	Whitstable Junior School
John Dexter	The Elms
Infant	
Nicole Hyett	St Crispin's CP Infant School
Andy King	Riverhead Infants' School
Angie Cox	Herne Church of England Infant School
PRUs	
Michaela Clay	Enterprise Learning Alliance
Kate Middleton	Two Bridges
SRP	
Alistair Williams	Longfield Academy
Karen Arnold	The Oaks Infant School & Minterne Junior School
Vicki Adams	Cherry Orchard Academy
Chris Jackson	King's Farm Primary School

Priorities for Term 3

- Key decision
- Response to funding consultation
- Clarity on budgets – clear message from schools.
- Development and training of systems to operate CoS
- Checking and further development of Continuum of Need and Provision
- Testing and agreement on funding descriptors
- SEN Information Reports on school websites.
- Further development of Professional Resource Group – linked to Communities

DfE/CQC Monitoring Visit

- Next visit 31st January 2025
- Want to see evidence of local collaborative working
- May wish to talk to schools – any volunteers?
- May wish to talk to parents

Mythbusting

- This is a cost cutting exercise
- KCC are not being transparent
- High Needs Funding is being cut.
- Other LAs have stopped using this model.

Comms

- Christine's bulletin
- Direct stakeholder engagement – meetings, consultation and focus groups.
- KIT meetings
- HT briefings
- Countywide SENCO forums

- Direct approach – no cascade mechanisms.

Any questions?



Thank you for your attention