

All Kent Primary and Special Schools

Purpose of this letter:
Notify Free KCN Broadband

Who is it for?
Headteacher

Priority: Medium

Reply Needed? Yes

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Date: 10th March 2008

Dear Headteacher

Kent Community Network – Free Core Bandwidth and KLZ Accounts

I am very pleased to announce that, with the help of the School Funding Forum, we have developed a new, three-year funding strategy for broadband in KCC schools. The government specified bandwidth will be centrally funded and will therefore be free of charge to schools. Full details are available on www.kenttrustweb.org.uk?broadband

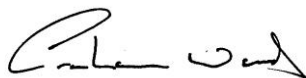
Please would you sign and return the attached bandwidth option form and security policy to confirm your acceptance of this new arrangement? Schools may purchase additional bandwidth at a subsidised rate. An upgrade to 10 Mbps bandwidth will actually cost less than many current school contributions!

KCN will continue to work with the Advisory Service Kent (ASK) to enhance the curriculum activities available over KCN and the National Education Network. These include videoconferencing, the British Pathé film archive, museum sites and the famous Sebastian Swan for KS1.

Headteachers will also be aware of the interest in Learning Platforms and that the Kent Learning Zone (KLZ) builds on the DCSF requirement to make communication and collaboration tools available to every school. I am therefore also pleased to advise that as part of the KCN offer basic KLZ accounts will be available free for school staff as part of a KLZ roll-out starting in Term 05. For more information on KLZ please contact Richard Packham (richard.packham@kent.gov.uk) or visit www.eiskent.co.uk?klz.

If you would like to discuss broadband policy or the KCN, please contact Peter Banbury (peter.banbury@kent.gov.uk) or for technical issues the KCN Helpdesk on 01622 206040.

Yours faithfully



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