



# Dover and Deal & Sandwich Local Children's Services Partnerships

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LCSP	Primary	Secondary	Academies	PRU's	Special
Dover	21	5	-	-	1
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## Dover

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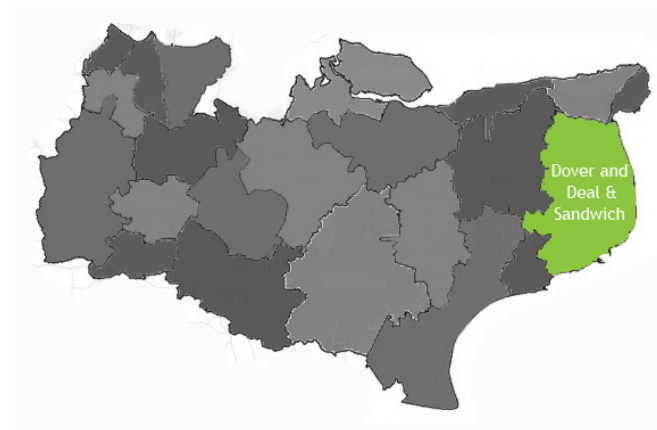
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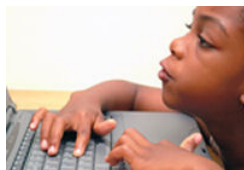
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*Figures as at 30 September 2009*

## 2008-09 Extended Services priorities for the partnerships:

- Raising the aspirations of children and young people.
- Improving learning outcomes.
- Transition to primary school and transition from primary to secondary.
- Ensuring the voice of children, young people and families is part of LCSP and Extended Services planning.
- Prevention and early intervention services.





## Key Extended Services Programmes for 2008-09

### Supporting Adult Learning

Extended Services jointly funded the Workers Educational Association (WEA) to deliver training courses for parents and members of the local community. One specific course trains people to become teaching assistants (TA's) in schools providing key skills and a Level 2 qualification (supporting and enabling people to enter the workplace). Up to 16 attended the Helping in Schools Course leading to a NCFE qualification (NCFE is a national vocational awarding body). Extended Services also commissions Kent Adult Education Service to deliver courses such as supporting parents to help children with their homework, helping with literacy and numeracy strategies.

### CYPP Priority 3

### Higher Education Compact

Kent Higher Education Compact is designed to give pupils, with no previous family experience of higher education, an opportunity to get a taste of university in order to encourage their progression onto higher education. It is presently available to students who would be the first in their families to study at University. It provides students with an opportunity to gain up to 40 Compact/UCAS equivalent points recognised by Kent based universities. Students prepare for progression into Higher Education through a variety of core and optional activities (including Duke of Edinburgh Award). Extended Services has facilitated and supported the schools in their engagement with the programme. Pupils are also able to earn points through Extended Services activities which they participate in, such as Volunteer Reading Help. **CYPP Priority 7**

### Volunteer Reading Help (VRH)

Extended Services is supporting and providing funding to facilitate the volunteer reading programme in schools which is run by VRH. The programme places trained adult volunteers into schools to support primary aged children to improve their reading skills. There are currently 15 adults in place in primary schools who each look after 3 children, providing 3 hours of reading support time per week to a school. Schools identify children who will benefit from the support and the volunteers look after those children throughout the course of an academic year. Running alongside the VRH programme is ROAR (Reach Out and Read). In this initiative 6th form students are trained to become volunteer reading helpers in primary schools. So far this year, 20 pupils from year 12 have been interviewed and trained, and are starting their placements in primary schools. This volunteering supports their personal development, self-esteem and leadership skills. They can also earn Higher Education compact points through their participation in the programme. Additionally, the programme provides each student with an opportunity to develop a full CV, experience a job



application and proceed through an interview process. An Extended Services team member supports the administration of the programme on behalf of all schools involved. **CYPP Priority 7**

### Young Enterprise and other enterprise programmes

The Dover Harbour Board sponsors the Young Enterprise Company programme in Dover District. It provides funding for 20 Adviser posts across the district and also funds the registration fees for the Young Enterprise Companies operating out of Dover District. The Extended Services team encourages and supports education business programmes as part of its commitment to the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) and Every Child Matters agenda. Participation in the Young Enterprise programme can also earn students points for the Higher Education Compact scheme with Kent Universities. **CYPP Priority 7**

### Family Picnic in the Park

A large family picnic attended by over 200 people was held in Connaught Park in Dover. The event was aimed at primary aged school children and their families. The aim of the picnic was to help bring families together and enjoy time outdoors taking part in activities that they would perhaps not do alone. It also aimed to encourage parents to make more use of the free facilities available in the local area and provide an opportunity to meet other families. Finally, the event aimed to raise self-esteem and aspirations of parents and their children as well as to encourage family learning. Adult Education provided a circus skills workshop, the local church and parent volunteers provided face painting and the Kent Children's Fund Network (KCFN) Play Team provided art and craft activities. There was also an opportunity to take part in fun races including the egg and spoon, relay and obstacle courses. The event also marked the launch of the Dover Local Children's Services Family Club. **CYPP Priority 3**

### Family Clubs supporting community development

There are now 10 Family Clubs operating in Dover District which are supported and coordinated by the Family Liaison Officers (FLOs) and Parent Support Advisers (PSAs) in schools. These clubs provide opportunities for families to meet and go on trips together. Additionally, they are able to attend skills workshops and participate in a range of family learning events, supporting the development of schools as the 'heart' of the community. Some clubs are for families of a single school and others for families from a cluster of schools. Families are able to benefit from reduced rates for many activities due to the economies of scale created by the large numbers involved. These clubs, therefore, potentially provide access to opportunities that many families may otherwise not have. **CYPP Priority 3**



### **‘Around the World in five days’ - Community Cohesion and Family Learning**

This was a family learning and community cohesion event coordinated by the Extended Services team and supported by the World Education Development Group (WEDG). Families attended the event each day at the Discovery Centre in Dover throughout the Easter holiday. The families ‘visited’ a different continent each day, with different activities provided for each. For example on ‘Africa’ day a dance group specialising in African dance attended and there was the opportunity to cook and taste traditional African food. There were up to 80 people (30-40 families) attending each day. Family Liaison Officers (FLOs)/Parent Support Advisers (PSAs) provided additional support for all families attending any of the days. The event was easily accessible at a venue which most families would be able to get to by foot, or by using public transport and provided an opportunity for them to experience different cultures and learn about different areas of the world. **CYPP Priority 3**

### **LIFEWISE - Parent Forum/Parent Voice**

This is the name for one of the Parent Groups running across the two Dover Partnerships. In the region of 40 parents attend each meeting. The parents decide between them what they would like to find out more about. Extended Services helps to coordinate appropriate speakers for the meetings based on the parents’ choice. For example, the parents in Deal wanted to run a session on emotional wellbeing for children, so Extended Services were able to identify agencies that can support parents and children in this area. Another session was around financial support for families. **CYPP Priority 3**

### **Raising awareness of Homelessness project**

There is a high percentage of homeless people in Dover in the 16-25 year old age range. Extended Services have therefore worked with Dover District Council, Porchlight (a charity that supports vulnerable and homeless people across Kent) and Rainer (a national charity with a particular focus on under supported young people) to raise the awareness of homelessness in secondary schools. The aim is to try and reduce the number of pupils leaving home too early and being at risk of becoming homeless. St Edmunds School is currently developing a DVD about homelessness which will go to all schools in the District which Extended Services has helped to fund in partnership with Dover District Council. **CYPP Priority 4**

### **Rainbows Counselling Training**

This is a first-line counselling skills training package which has been adopted by St Edmunds School. The school in partnership with Dover Counselling Service then delivers training across Dover schools. It provides key counselling skills for school teaching staff in primary schools. Extended Services has provided funding for the training to enable first line pastoral support staff to deal with initial problems and enabling to be confident in supporting the emotional wellbeing of pupils e.g. bereavement. The aim is to prevent the

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escalation of issues and provide staff with a range of basic preventative skills. Over 100 school staff have now been trained across the Dover District. **CYPP Priority 2**

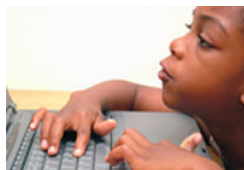
### **SNAP (Secondary Not A Problem) Behaviour project**

This project was based around the traditional Snap transition programme which supports a large number of anxious children transferring to secondary school. This year, an additional pilot was run with one primary school and one secondary school, where there were a large number of children with challenging behaviour who were considered at high risk of exclusion in Year 7. Ten pupils were identified by the primary school to be involved in the project with the aim of ensuring that transition was seen as a positive experience, enabling the pupils to settle into secondary school, and therefore, reducing the risk of possible exclusion. Extended Services commissioned a sports based training organisation, PACE, to support the pupils in term 6 of Year 6. They met twice a week with the group, using a range of multi sport based activities as a way to bond the group together and raise self-esteem. Following this, the group spent one day a week during the summer holidays in their new secondary school, where they were able to familiarise themselves with their new school and meet staff, still under the direction of the PACE team. Now, in the secondary school the group continue to meet once a week with PACE continuing with the programme to ease the transition process. The first signs are that progress of the targeted group has been very positive and further evaluation is to be carried out in December 2009. **CYPP Priority 8**

### **Links with the Youth Service**

A Community Youth Tutor has been jointly funded by Extended Services and the Youth Service. The role is based in Sandwich Technology College. The remit of the role is for the Youth Tutor to develop after school clubs on a Wednesday afternoon. The Youth Tutor has developed a whole programme of activities for the pupils including a club run specifically for girls to raise their self-esteem. A similar role is also being funded at Archers Court Maths and Computing College to provide additional support to fill the gap between the end of school and the Youth Club, based at the school, opening at 6:30pm. This is currently in a pilot phase on a Wednesday with activities running from 3:30pm - 6pm, providing a safe place for the young people to be before the Youth Club opens.

Extended Services is also working closely with the Youth Service to provide support and activities for a group of twenty pupils at Archers Court Maths and Computing College. Support is also being provided through the Parent Support Adviser to the parents of those pupils to increase their parental support and engagement in their child's learning. Co-location of the Area Youth Manager for East Kent and an Extended Schools Development Manager at the Linwood Youth Centre facilitates joint working. **CYPP Priority 6**



### Brand You

This project is funded by Dover Extended Services and involves 40 Year 10 and 11 students from secondary schools in the area. It aims to reduce the number of young people leaving school and not remaining in education, employment or training (NEET). Schools identify the pupils they feel are most appropriate to the programme. 'Brand You' is an innovative programme intended to help raise the self confidence of the young participants and encourage them to think more positively about their future and what they would like to do when they leave school. The students attended five consecutive days of activities. Sessions included discussions about having a positive attitude, defining success and creating life goals. The week also included a trip to Tree Jumpers to encourage team building and to help the young people challenge their personal boundaries. The week ended with the 'Brand You' Exhibition, a "job fair in reverse", where local businesses were invited to an exhibition showcasing local young people ready for the world of work. The employers were able to meet the young people and provide them with ideas, advice and suggestions on how to be successful in life after school and how best to realise their goals. **CYPP Priority 7**

### Schools Summer Holiday Activity Programme

This programme of activities was organised and coordinated by Dover Extended Services and run for 7 weeks during the summer holidays in 2009. Activities were run across a number of schools in the Dover district for all age groups - many activities being free or subsidised. Activities were varied and included Comedy Film Making, Yu-Gi-Oh Club, African Fabric Painting, Sailing, Lego and Intensive French. In addition to this a Saturday Academy runs at Dover Grammar Schools for Boys, where a whole range of activities run every Saturday of the year from 9am - 12.30pm. This Academy is supported and funded by Extended Services and encourages community use of school buildings where children, young people and families from across the district can enjoy a range of activities together. **CYPP Priority 6**

### Mills on Wheels Road Safety courses

One of the LCSP priorities in Dover is supporting children with road safety. This programme aims to raise road safety awareness of primary school pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. It provides children with the skills and understanding to behave safely with traffic, and to develop responsible and safe attitudes to road safety. This is delivered through an interactive hazard perception workshop where children are provided with an eye-view of what the driver can see through contemporary software. Extended Services has so far supported and funded this programme in 12 primary schools. **CYPP Priority 8**



### Dover Extended Services Networking Road Show

This event was run by the Extended Services team in July 2009. Over 60 agencies attended the event to showcase how they work with Dover Extended Services in supporting schools to meet the outcomes of Every Child Matters. The Road Show gave school staff the opportunity to network with agencies that can support them with curriculum based contextual support, and provide a range of extended services activities, as well as signposting families to organisations that may offer support when needed. Every governing body and member of staff from all Dover, Deal and Sandwich schools were invited to attend with total numbers exceeding 500 on the day. It is hoped this Road Show will be repeated on an annual basis. **CYPP Priority 3**

### Pass the Passion project

This project is supporting Dover's bid to receive the Olympic torch in 2010. It is a Dover district project running in collaboration with the Kent 2012 team. The aim of the project is to persuade the Olympic organisers that the Olympic torch should arrive via Dover in 2012. Over the last 12 months the Extended Services team has been helping to raise awareness across Dover district of the potential for the Olympic Torch to come through Dover. The launch of the event involved a contemporary Olympic Torch, designed by local secondary school children arriving by boat at Dover Harbour. The torch was passed to a local relay team, comprising representative children from all 52 schools in Dover, Deal and Sandwich. This was the official launch of 'Pass the Passion'. The following week, the Schools Olympic Torch was passed by children through all 52 schools from Monday through to Friday. Every school was involved in the relay, with each one organising its own welcome and passing on of the Torch to a neighbouring school. At the end of the week the replicate Olympic Torch arrived at Sandwich Guildhall, where County Council members were present to celebrate the achievement and unveil a mural developed by the schools to depict the project. **CYPP Priority 6**

### Year 5 Poetry Project

This Extended Services curriculum enrichment project was run in 26 Primary schools in the district. The Extended Services team arranged for the Children's Poet Laureate, Michael Rosen to deliver 2 workshops in Dover for all children in Year 5 (over 700 children). In these workshops, children had the opportunity to create and then read their poems to the group. All the poems written are being made into a poetry book entitled 'Smiles of Poems from Capel to Sandwich - DES does Poetry'. The book will be on sale in December 2009. The project helped to raise aspirations and increase engagement in literacy. This is a good example of where Extended Services can support the curriculum and impact directly on pupil attainment. **CYPP Priority 2**



### European Mini Rugby Tournament 2009

Building on the success of the 'Bien etre' project which saw three Dover primary schools partner up with primary schools in Nord pas de Calais to compare and contrast practices about healthy eating and emotional wellbeing. Dover primary schools supported the second European Mini Rugby Tournament held in Calais in June 2009. Fifty children from ten schools across the district trained at Castle Community College under the direction of the School Sports Co-ordinator, Deal and Bettshanger Rugby Football Club (RFC) and Dover RFC. Training sessions took place over six Tuesday evenings in full contact rugby with squads comprising children from the top three year groups. Two full coach loads of children, families and volunteers made the trip to Calais and returned having successfully won two of the three year group competitions having played some outstanding contact rugby. The event was very well supported by parents and hugely popular with the young people who took part. It provided them with a unique community sport focused opportunity which has been embraced by local rugby clubs. We look forward to supporting the event again next year with more children. **CYPP Priority 2**

### Secondary Schools Community Plan

Dover District Council has produced a secondary schools community plan detailing how each of the nine secondary schools across the district is individually and collectively supporting communities. Some of the support is focused on the way in which the secondary school is helping its local feeder primary schools through secondary specialisms. The joint community plan also details parent and family learning support available through secondary schools. Many of these programmes and events take place on the secondary school site and are part of an initiative to increase the availability of resources and facilities within secondary schools to the local community. Sports, Arts and Family Learning opportunities in the schools are increasingly more accessible to local communities across the district. **CYPP Priority 6**

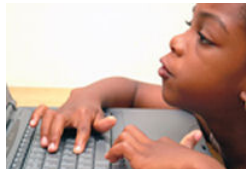
### Fish 'n' Ships Carnival Float/Procession

The Dover Extended Services carnival float at the Deal Carnival Parade in July 2009 was the end product of a family learning and community project run by Extended Schools. The project ran through the whole of the Summer term 2009 and involved children, parents and staff from Deal Parochial Church of England Primary School, The Downs Community Primary School and Northbourne Church of England Primary School working in conjunction with Sandwich Technology College. The float won first prize at the parade. As well as being a family learning opportunity the project also supported transition of those pupils involved into Secondary school. **CYPP Priority 3**



## 2009-10 Extended Services priorities for the partnerships:

- Ensuring the voice of children, young people and families is part of LCSP and Extended Services planning.
- Broadening the range of opportunities and activities for children, young people and families.
- Improving learning outcomes.
- Raising the aspirations of children and young people.
- Supporting literacy and reading.



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