



Maidstone 1 and Maidstone 2 Local Children's Services Partnerships

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LCSP	Primary	Secondary	Academies	PRU's	Special
Maidstone 1	21	5	-	1	1
Maidstone 2	29	4	2	-	1

Maidstone 1

100% of schools have achieved National Healthy Schools status
100% of schools providing access to the full core offer of Extended Services

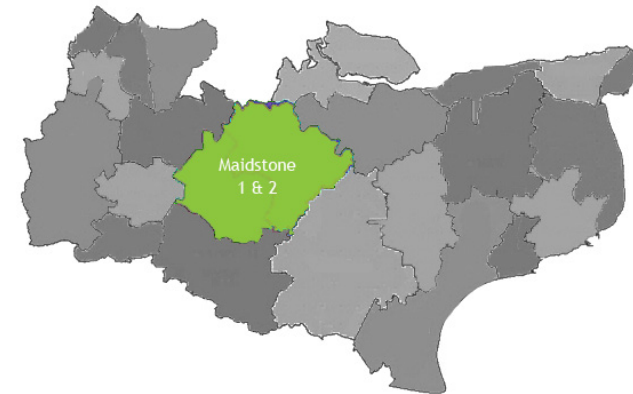
Maidstone 2

94% of schools have achieved National Healthy Schools status
94% of schools providing access to the full core offer of Extended Services

Figures as at 30 September 2009

2008-09 Extended Services priorities for the partnerships:

- Supporting parents and carers.
- 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.
- Transition to primary school and transition from primary to secondary school.
- Supporting adult and family learning.





Key Extended Services Programmes for 2008-09

Maidstone Extended Services Project

The Maidstone Extended Services Project comprises of six working groups of geographically close schools who meet once a term over the course of a year. Each school has identified a representative to take on the role of 'extended schools coordinator'. The sessions provide an opportunity for schools to hear from agencies and organisations that are keen to work with them and support the Extended Schools agenda. The schools then agree which projects to proceed with and which school(s) will host or attend the event(s), the remaining schools in the working groups can then 'sign post' children and families to the event on offer. The project is managed by the Maidstone Extended Schools Coordinators. During 08/09, 37 schools undertook, and were successful in gaining recognition at Emerged level for the Quality in Extended Services award (QES). The working groups themselves have facilitated joint working amongst schools and have broadened their access to a range of providers that can give them support in delivering extended services to children and young people. **CYPP Priority 6**

FILMCLUB

FILMCLUB was commissioned by Extended Services to provide training across both Partnerships for schools to set up film clubs that can run after school or during lunchtime. FILMCLUB is an after-school film club in England (funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families) which is free to all state primary and secondary schools. It gives children from participating schools access to thousands of films and organises school visits by professionals from within the film industry. 30 schools attended the initial training with further schools joining since. Film Clubs have the potential to provide at least 400 children and young people with an opportunity to watch free films, uninterrupted and in a safe environment. Schools choose from a wide range of films and can link the choice to curriculum topics, literacy activities or simply watch for pleasure, thereby providing students with broad cultural learning opportunities. **CYPP Priority 6**

Maidstone BrandYou Experience

BrandYou was funded by Extended Services across both Maidstone Partnerships. The week long events for Year 11 aimed to reduce the number of young people leaving school and becoming NEET's (young people not in employment, education or training). The project has run twice over the year and involved 68 young people in total. Partners included Extended Services, Beyond Excellence, Kent 14-19 Innovation Unit, local businesses, 7 Maidstone secondary schools and 1 Special School. **CYPP Priority 2**

Maidstone 1 LCSP and Maidstone 2 LCSP



Family Learning: Dads & Kids Art & Craft mornings

Events have taken place in schools across both Partnerships on Saturday mornings. These events aimed to provide an opportunity to engage with Dads, consult with families and build relationships between schools and families. 20 Dads and their children attended the events providing an opportunity for Dads to network and socialise. It also gave them the opportunity to use materials that are easily sourced and to learn new skills that they could then carry on using at home with their children. Partners involved included Redraf Arts, Extended Services and Parent Support Advisers (PSAs). **CYPP Priority 3**

Extended Services Minibus

A group of eight rural primary schools in Maidstone 2 have recently purchased a minibus through Extended Schools Primary Capital Funding. This was to help overcome the transport issues facing children and young people in order to improve accessibility to extended services activities. The minibus is expected to help several hundred children and young people, living in rural areas, to access services both during and outside of school hours. **CYPP Priority 6**

Playing for Success

Playing for Success is a joint KCC, DCSF and sports venue project sited at four sports venues across Kent. The Maidstone Extended Schools team has developed an excellent working partnership with the local Playing for Success project based at Buckmore Park Karting Circuit. The aim of the project is to attract children and young people from Maidstone schools who will benefit from additional, after school literacy and numeracy sessions held at Buckmore Park Learning Zone and based on, in this case, karting. A range of very popular family learning sessions have also been held at Buckmore Park. **CYPP Priority 1**

Multi-agency Youth Development in Maidstone

In partnership with Maidstone Borough Council, the Extended Services team has provided additional funding for a range of provision for children and young people, including holiday play schemes and a youth cafe. The Extended Services team works closely with the Borough Council's Sports and Play team to ensure provision is evenly distributed across the district. **CYPP Priority 6**

Positive Activities for Young People

Extended Services commissioned KCC's Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) team to deliver a tailor-made programme of activities for a group of 10 girls from Year 7 to Year 10 at Astor of Hever Community School. The six week course had a varied programme of activities designed to work on body image and personal image and build self-esteem. This included quizzes and questionnaires, poster making, group work, 10 things every woman should have in her handbag, a visit from a travelling beautician, a



visit to a local youth centre, and a group trip to Thorpe Park. The programme was well received and attended by the selected young people and subsequent courses are running this academic year. **CYPP Priority 6**

Language for Living

The Language for Living course is held in four schools across both Maidstone Partnerships. This course aims to provide support, knowledge, basic skills and language needed for everyday living in the UK. It also aims to raise self-esteem and confidence amongst those parents living in Maidstone with little or no English. The project aims to increase community cohesion and reduce isolation of minority/migrant communities by engaging over 60 local people in classes. Partners included Healthy Schools, Extended Services, ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) tutors, Police Community Support Officers, Medway PCT, KCC Libraries and Voluntary Action Maidstone. **CYPP Priority 3**

Mapping of Parent Support Services

Mapping of parent support services across both Partnerships has been completed by the Maidstone Extended Schools Co-ordinator for Parent Support. The intention was to audit the range of services and groups that support and provide information to parents in Maidstone with a view to identifying gaps and commissioning services. Partners included Extended Services, schools in the two Partnerships and all parent services. The Maidstone Parent Support Steering Group will coordinate the delivery of parent support programmes across Maidstone. **CYPP Priority 3**

Parents R Us

Parents R Us is a support group developed by the 2 Parent Support Advisers (PSAs) across 10 rural primary schools spanning both Partnerships. In addition to attending Kent Adult Education parenting courses, parents have visited places of interest and have had informative talks from a range of speakers. The PSAs have also organised family learning sessions and days out. **CYPP Priority 3**

Supervisors Network Lunches

The Childcare Development Officers (CDOs) have established successful networking lunches for all Breakfast, After School, Pre-school and Nursery Supervisors across both Maidstone Partnerships. Three lunches per academic year are arranged with an average of 40 providers attending each time. Guest speakers have provided participants with information and advice to take back to their settings to enhance, and where applicable, improve the outcomes for children. Topics have included Safeguarding, Healthy Eating and supporting children with English as an additional language.



International Student Voice Network

Extended Services has helped to establish the International Student Voice Network (ISVN) across both Partnerships to increase the involvement of children and young people with English as a second language (ESOL) in consultation and participation of children and young people's activities. There are currently 100 members (Key Stage 3 and 4). The 3 aims of the initiative are for the students to have a voice, an opportunity for consultation and to be able to network and engage locally. Consultations have taken place on their school experiences and their leisure time with help from the Youth Service. The Youth Service was also commissioned to film one of the networking days and to run some anti-bullying workshops for the students. The students also now engage with the Youth Service and Connexions. The friendships developed through the network have resulted in close links with community groups across schools. Future aims include members inviting their parents along to raise their awareness of what is available to them locally (they have already received Partnership with Parents group meeting info) and also for members to bring along a buddy so that work can be extended towards building bridges between ISVN members and the English community in Maidstone and Malling. **CYPP Priority 7**

Slide Away

Slide Away is a Kent based charity that has been commissioned by both Maidstone LCSPs to provide bereavement support for children and young people from 5-18 year olds (the Specialist Teacher for Bereavement also supports pre-school settings). Slide Away offers young people the opportunity to manage their grief through a range of creative activities including art, drama, music, creative writing and outdoor pursuits. An additional key element of the services is to ensure that every school has a School Bereavement Contact who provides day to day support for students who have been bereaved of a significant person. Extended Services funding provides additional one to one counselling for children and young people that are identified by the charity as needing more intensive support. Between September 2008 and July 2008, 46 children attended a Slide Away bereavement workshop. 15 children and their families attended a kite flying event in memory of their lost one(s), 6 children attended music therapy evenings, 22 children attended a creative writing day, 6 children attended a dream catcher evening, 15 children attended a 'Have your say' event (using art to express feelings). Two school bereavement training days were also run to raise awareness for school staff in working with bereaved pupils in schools. **CYPP Priority 2**

Safe Schools Partnership

All Maidstone 1 schools have achieved 'safe partnership' accreditation during 08/09. This involved each school meeting 17 criteria that lay down minimum standards to embed effective anti-bullying measures in schools. An event on 20th November (known nationally as 'Blue Friday') will enable Maidstone 1 schools to celebrate their achievement. Extended Services also contributed towards a successful anti-bullying teacher training event attended by more than 100 teachers at Oakwood Park. Workshops included



‘anti-bullying in the wider curriculum’, ‘practical ways to bring restorative approaches into schools’, ‘activities to combat cyber-bullying’ and ‘using drama and role play to deliver anti-bullying’. **CYPP Priority 8**

Counselling for Children and Young People in schools

The Extended Services team has also provided funding to support counselling for individual pupils in primary and secondary schools in both Maidstone Partnerships. Between April and July 2009, Arc Counselling and Family Resources, in association with Paddock Wood Baptist Church, provided 32 students, with a range of social and emotional issues, with a total of 363 sessions. The service has been well received by schools and will continue for the 09/10 financial year. **CYPP Priority 2**

Healthy Schools

Through Healthy Schools, schools identified a need for support with the emotional health and wellbeing element of their healthy schools programme. The following events were organised in response; 1 large Emotional Health and Wellbeing conference held in September 2008 for school staff, LCSP, health and other agency colleagues at Oakwood House. In addition to a range of workshops, keynote speakers were; Dr Margot Sunderland (Director of Education and Learning, The Centre for Child Mental Health) and Helen Stollery (National Nurture Group organisation). 1 smaller event was held in March 2009 at the Weald of Kent Conference Centre for primary school staff: ‘Developing a Nurturing Environment’ - Helen Stollery. Another smaller event was also held in March 2009 at the Weald of Kent Conference Centre for secondary staff: ‘Working with Challenging Teenagers’ - Dr Margot Sunderland.

CYPP Priority 2

Transition Information Sessions

Two large events were held in March 2009 at the Weald of Kent Conference Centre: ‘A smooth Transition’ for parents of children moving from early years settings to primary school - Dr Margot Sunderland and an evening meeting for parents of children moving from primary to secondary education - Simon Cooper-Hind of Independent Thinking. A marketplace of agencies to help support parents and children during transition was also present for both events and a range of useful resources provided. **CYPP Priority 3**

Maidstone Parents Voice

A range of events and open meetings were held for Maidstone parents with a range of guest speakers drawn from both local and national organisations. Topics such as ‘child development’, ‘supporting your child’s emotional wellbeing’ and ‘special educational needs’, were identified in consultation with parents. Information and resources associated with the events were developed and distributed to all parents in Maidstone. **CYPP Priority 3**



Maidstone Pupil Referral Unit

The Cedars Pupil Referral Unit achieved Quality in Extended Services recognition as part of the Maidstone Extended Services Project in July 2009. They actively take part and support the work and projects of the Secondary working group and signpost their students and families to activities happening in the mainstream secondary schools. They, like many other Maidstone schools, set up a Film Club for their students which has proved very popular and students have also participated in the Playing for Success programme run at Buckmore Park Learning Zone.

2009-10 Extended Services priorities for the partnerships:

- Supporting parents and carers.
- Broadening the range of opportunities and activities for children, young people and families.
- Community cohesion.
- Raising the aspirations of children and young people.
- Supporting adult and family learning.

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