

Schools Collaboration Update to East Birmingham Board

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EAST BIRMINGHAM INCLUSIVE GROWTH STRATEGY 2021 – SCHOOLS AND EARLY YEARS AIMS



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Infrastructure

Sufficiency

System design

Effective
communication

Collaboration
and innovation

Aims by category:

- Focussing **Council investment** to maximise high-performing school places and schools, improve school buildings and redevelop schools where required.
- **Minimising days lost** through education as a result of maintenance issues by directing investment to priority works and ensure a safe, warm and dry environment for our children
- Supporting education providers to ensure that they have enough **appropriate space** for their needs.
- Providing free **early year entitlements** for two, three and four-year-olds, for eligible parents.
- Working with the **Regional Schools Commissioner** to tackle underperforming schools and academies.
- **Consulting children and young people with SEND** or disabilities, and their parents, when reviewing local SEND and social care provision.

Aims by category:

- Securing sufficient **suitable education provision** for pupils requiring Special Education Needs (SEND), disabilities or specialist provision
- **Providing information, advice and assistance** to **young people and parents.**
- Ensuring young people and parents are aware of the requirement for young people to **participate in education**, employment or training up to their 18th birthday and beyond.
- Providing information, advice and training to **childcare providers.**
- Extending **'collaborative working pilots'** to help schools to work together and share best practice
- Promoting **participation of vulnerable young people** not in education, employment or training (NEET) and identifying and working with young people who are 'Not Known'.
- Securing **sufficient childcare for working parents.**

COLLABORATIVE WORKING –CONSULTATION WITH MAT CEOS AND HEADS



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What are your 3 biggest place-based issues that collaboration with Birmingham City Council and other partners could help address?

Could working together offer effective solutions to joint priorities?

Response: Yes; but use existing networks

How could this be organised?

Response: having a strategic representative.

Consultation results: key themes

Key Themes
Communication and engagement
Connectivity
Skills and jobs of the future
Safety & Wellbeing
Better resources
Improving early years support

PFPP PHASE 2



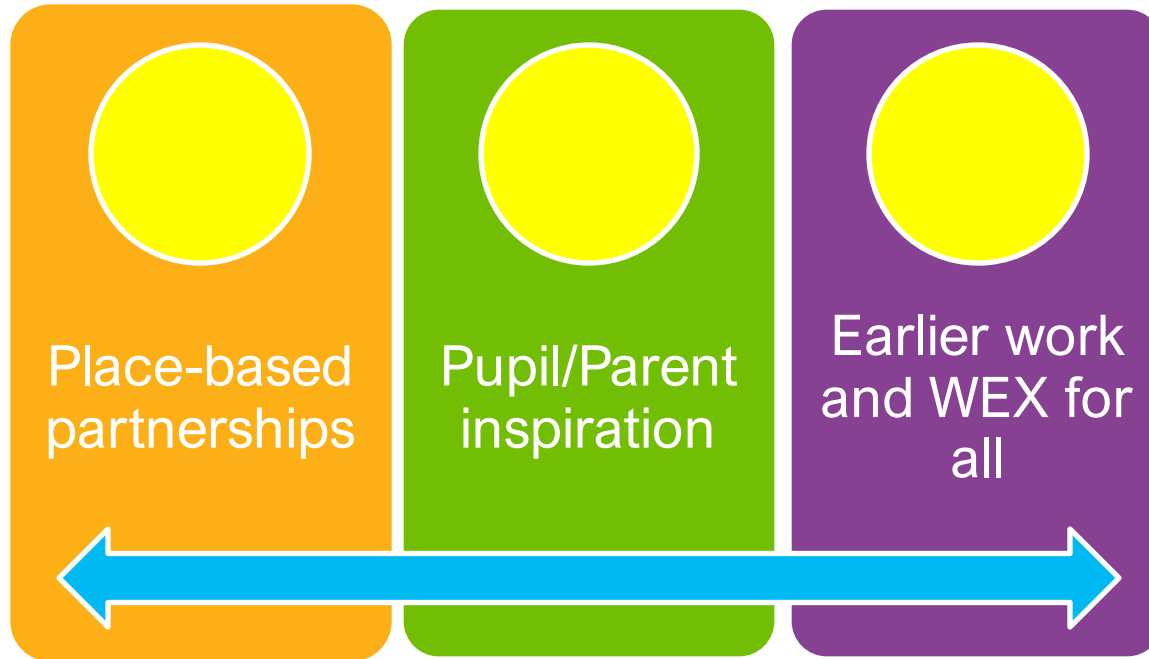
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Partnerships for People and Place (PfPP)

- 1 yr pilot funded by DLUHC to improve collaboration at all levels
- Focus on employer interaction to maximise positive progression
- University of Birmingham and local community partner
- Six Secondary schools opted in, and preferred focus on Yr 11
- 230 pupils. Over-subscribed through word of mouth
- Evaluation in August, early findings positive for a more flexible approach to local employer partnerships and insights for work experience.

PfPP Phase 2 careers innovation



1st step: Refresh strategic priorities



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