

North Kent - Working with primary schools



WHAT IS IT?

Several primary schools heard about the work of Pathways for All and asked if they could be part of it. They were particularly interested in working together on early identification and support for young people who are NEET (Not in Employment, Education, or Training) and using the Pathways for All contacts with businesses to benefit primary schools.

HOW DID IT WORK?

The Pathways for All team, Lower Thames Crossing and the Secondary Technical Excellence team at North Kent College met with leads from primaries in a bid to be more proactive in supporting children who may potentially be NEET post 16 whilst in primary education. The team discussed best practice at potential NEET identification and shared best practice for careers experiences for their students at primary. The Primary leads discussed with Lower Thames Crossing and the Secondary Technical excellence team what they might like support with their students on in giving the students the best possible exposure to employment/the workplace. They also discussed how we can improve the transition of information about potential needs and careers experience from Year 6 to 7.

WHAT WAS THE IMPACT?

Clearer communication has been established between local education partners and local businesses.

NEXT STEPS

There will be more meetings in the future to firm up early decisions. A contact has been nominated in each primary school to receive Pathways for All communications. There will be ongoing discussions to develop good practice in NEET reduction across the primary and secondary phases. Colleagues agreed to collaborate on a collective approach to NEET identification and on sharing best practice on providing career opportunities for their students. Primary colleagues will collectively feedback to Lower Thames Crossing and the Secondary Technical Excellence team what they feel their school would benefit from. The Lower Thames Crossing and the Secondary Technical Excellence team will then build a programme of opportunities for the primaries.