In April, 2012 the Department for Communities and Local Government published a **‘Progress report by the ministerial working group on tackling inequalities experienced by Gypsies and Travellers’.**

It stated that “Improving social mobility is a principal goal of the Coalition Government’s social policy. We are determined to give everyone the ability and aspiration to prosper, breaking down barriers to social mobility. Across Government we are very concerned that Gypsies and Travellers are being held back by some of the worst outcomes of any group across a range of social indicators”

The progress report outlined the challenges, making 28 commitments from across Government that would help mainstream services work better with Gypsies and Travellers.

One commitment was for the DfE to establish a Virtual Head Teachers pilot for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils. The pilot was run in 3 Local Authorities with higher than average numbers of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils. Kent with its known record of making a difference to the attainment of these communities was chosen to be one of them. The report [**GRT Pilot - Head Teachers for Children on the move**](http://sharewebinternal/Documents/KELSI/Pupil%20support%20and%20wellbeing/Inclusion%20Support%20Services%20Kent/GRT%20Pilot%20CYPN%2002%2009%2014.pdf) details the scheme that saw Council's employ Virtual Headteachers to improve Education for the group.

A report of our findings and case studies can be found below:.

* [**Virtual School for GRT pupils: Kent report**](http://http/sharewebinternal/Documents/KELSI/Pupil%20support%20and%20wellbeing/Inclusion%20Support%20Services%20Kent/VHT%20Kent%2C%20Final%20report%20GH.doc)
* [**Parkside Community Primary School: Case Study**](http://http/sharewebinternal/Documents/KELSI/Pupil%20support%20and%20wellbeing/Inclusion%20Support%20Services%20Kent/Parkside%20Community%20Primary%20School%20case%20study%2018%206%2014.docx)
* [**The Malling School: Case Study**](http://http/sharewebinternal/Documents/KELSI/Pupil%20support%20and%20wellbeing/Inclusion%20Support%20Services%20Kent/The%20Malling%20School%20approved%20by%20VP.docx)
* [**West Malling Church of England Primary: Case Study**](http://http/sharewebinternal/Documents/KELSI/Pupil%20support%20and%20wellbeing/Inclusion%20Support%20Services%20Kent/West%20Malling%20Primary.docx)
* [**Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils: supporting access to education**](http://sharewebinternal/Documents/KELSI/Pupil%20support%20and%20wellbeing/Inclusion%20Support%20Services%20Kent/GRT%20Pilot%20CYPN%2002%2009%2014.pdf)

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