



Claremont School Information re: Teaching School Status

Teaching Schools are being disbanded at the end of this academic year and Teaching School Hubs will be replacing them.

DfE Latest Teaching School Hubs Information- 10.02.21

Every school in the country will have greater access to expert teacher training and development, under plans announced by the Department for Education today.

The teaching workforce will get best-practice and expert advice on how best to engage with pupils, lesson planning, and classroom management, as part of new teaching school hubs being rolled out across the country.

81 Hubs will be added in all corners of England to provide high-quality professional development to teachers and leaders at all stages of their career, and play a key role in helping to build up trainee teachers as they enter the workforce. This will further level up the quality of teaching, allowing every child to receive a world-class start in life no matter where they are born.

Each hub, all of which will be operational and helping schools from this September, will have its own defined geographical patch and will be expected to be accessible to all schools within that area, serving on average around 250 schools each.

The programme is being rolled out as teachers continue to deliver high quality remote education for pupils, with the current attendance restrictions in schools and colleges remaining in place until 8 March at the earliest.

School Standards Minister Nick Gibb said:

We know teachers are already providing the best education possible for pupils, and this is especially true while schools are closed to most pupils. These new Teaching School Hubs will further support the profession by providing the best possible training and development opportunities.

It is important that teachers and school leaders feel supported in their career. The Hubs will make this substantially easier, with expert practitioners able to give experienced advice to those schools able to benefit from it.

There will be 87 hubs for teacher training and development, built around some of the best schools and Multi Academy Trusts in England. This comes from £65m of new funding, with the Hubs set to run for an initial three years.

The 81 new hubs will be rolled out in addition to the six existing test & learn TSH which were appointed in January 2020. This means there will be nationwide coverage for the first time, and every school in England will now have access to a local centre of excellence for teacher training.

The Hubs will also help in delivering the Early Career Framework reforms when this is available nationally from September 2021, as well as in delivering a reformed suite of National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) including new specialist NPQs. They will also deliver Initial Teaching Training and additional high-quality evidence based professional development.

What this means for Claremont?

From the end of this school year, Claremont will no longer be a National Teaching School by itself in-line with the Government changes.

However, Bennett Memorial Diocesan School were eligible to admit a bid to become a Teaching School Hub. They needed to name two key partners who had eligibility and evidence of outstanding provision and proven Teaching School capacity. Claremont Primary School was named as a key partner, alongside Highworth Grammar in order to secure the bid. I can announce that they have been successful in winning not just one bid but two bids-

1. Bennett Memorial Diocesan School, Tenax Schools Trust: **West Kent:** SESL8 - Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Malling: South East and South London (SESL)
2. Bennett Memorial Diocesan School, Tenax Schools Trust: **East Kent:** SESL2 - Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Shepway, Swale, Thanet: South East and South London (SESL)

This is from September 2021. This means that Claremont are a key part of the Kent Teaching School Hub.

This includes the ever growing Ofsted rated 'outstanding' **Teach Kent and Sussex**.

Claremont Skilled Staffing Team

During the pandemic, the SLE work we have been used to providing to support local school improvement has been paused for obvious reasons; this new opportunity will provide colleagues opportunities to continue their valuable work for us using the DfE guidance. Previously to date, we know we have been able to offer work by SLEs in English, PE, Curriculum, Maths, Business, ITT, EYFS.

Alongside that our team have been involved in Professional Development Sessions for the SCITT students since its creation of TK&S, including phonics, maths, Growth mind-set, science, preparing for a job, English at KS1, English at KS2, EY development, SEN, PE, Outdoor learning, Music, Art and DT.

In addition, to note that Claremont are already involved in successful DfE school improvement work, as you are aware:

- The **SSIF Maths** support for 31 schools in West Kent (2 years- now complete)
- The **SSIF RSHE** (RHE-Primary) across Kent, including a DfE video for Teaching of Mental Health, used to provide support and train the trainer approach for school improvement. (April 2020 and still ongoing)
Lesson snippets & planning, and resources.