



Education Improvement – Stronger Communities and Cohesion Team

Why use our service?

The Stronger Communities and Cohesion Team have worked with schools across Lancashire for many years and have strong relationships with schools, local communities and families. Our staff are skilled and experienced at making education accessible and inclusion sits at the heart of everything we do.

This Service Level Agreement (SLA) outlines the services provided by the Stronger Communities and Cohesion team. These agreements ensure high-quality support to schools and educational settings in promoting inclusion and cohesion for the diverse communities in Lancashire.

What support is available to schools?

The Stronger Communities and Cohesion Team can provide tailored support, guidance and training for schools in Lancashire.

- ✓ Support schools in meeting the needs of their diverse pupils
- ✓ Provide training and resources to develop inclusive teaching practices
- ✓ Improve access to education for pupils from diverse backgrounds
- ✓ Foster collaboration between schools, families, and communities

Feedback from Lancashire Schools for services from the Stronger Communities and Cohesion team (School year 2024-2025)

A great session, very informative & put across in an interesting way

We have really enjoyed working with you and it has made such a difference to our school.

It was great to hear and see that the staff felt engaged during your meetings. The training was really useful and we will be able to embed quite a number of ideas you suggested.

Just a quick email to say thank you so much for taking the time to visit us this week. The children have learned so much from you both and have a richer understanding of your religion and how it impacts on your life

Thank you for the meeting we had before half term. I found it really useful.

To find out more and discuss how this support can work for your school,

Email us at:

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Packages of Support:

Level 1 - Cost £400 per year	Level 2 - Cost £850 per year As level 1, plus the following:
1x Consultancy Visit - this visit is bespoke to the school's needs and could focus on international new arrivals / EAL / GRT / Community Cohesion / Equality	1 additional Consultancy visit
Access to places for staff at Termly Networks: ○ EAL Network ○ GRT Network	Up to 2 additional Family & Community Education Officer Support visits
Family & Community Education Officer Support: 2x visits or meetings with parents per year which can include interpreting support if required. Here the focus can include areas such as admission support, support for annual review and attendance	1 in school training (up to 2 hours) – bespoke training for your school Or 1 cultural pupil workshop (up to 2 hours)
Access to advice and support Monthly surgeries and ongoing access to email and phone advice	Lancashire Lions – includes staff training and pupil/student workshops (primary and secondary) Or Peer mediation – Train the trainer staff training (primary)
1x Place on an Equality & Diversity Course per school per year – booked through Lancashire Professional Development Service	
Audit of your school provision - EAL Provision or Community Cohesion Audit including visit and access to documentation	
Access to Primary Induction Pack for International New Arrivals	

Other services available

The Stronger Communities and Cohesion Team can provide a range of other services to schools, including on a pay as you go basis. Please contact us to discuss further.

☐ In-school EAL tutoring	☐ Cohesion and Equality support and advice
☐ Lancashire Equality and Inclusion Mark	☐ School Linking Project
☐ First language assessments	☐ Learning Mentor Access

