

Terms of Reference: Cornwall Education Partnership

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Cornwall Education Partnership brings together representatives from education providers and stakeholders across Cornwall to establish shared priorities and set the education strategy for the county in order to drive improvement across the county. As a strategic partnership, we are research-driven and focused on long-term, impactful work, underpinned by our values and using data to inform our understanding of the current situation and to identify approaches that enable long-term improvements in the standard of education provision in Cornwall.

Our Mission

- Learners - To ensure that all children and young people between the ages of 2 and 18 in Cornwall have the best possible opportunities, outcomes and life chances.
- Educators - To ensure all those who are employed or volunteer in education in Cornwall achieve continuous improvement throughout their career and have their expertise, curiosity, passion and pride in the service recognised
- System - To ensure that the whole education system in Cornwall operates beyond the sum of its parts. through deep collaboration, peer support and transparent sharing.
- To ensure that at all points we robustly recognise effective practice and impactful solutions, drawing on the very best of research and best practice from Cornwall, nationally and internationally.
- Strategic direction – To shape the strategic direction of education in Cornwall, setting priorities for improvement and enabling and evaluating progress towards these.

Our Values

The core values that underpin all our work are fully in line with the Nolan Principles, incorporating honesty, humility, compassion and competence.:

- Integrity - Building trust in educational partnerships that make decisions based on the benefit to learners and the reduction of inequality.
- Excellence - We are ambitious for all learners and staff working in education in Cornwall, using high expectations in all areas to drive continuous improvement.
- Collaboration - We fundamentally believe in collective decision-making being more insightful and leading to greater belonging, engagement and long-term capacity.

Membership of the Partnership

Our goal is for all schools in Cornwall to understand that this strategic partnership is working on their behalf and hence that their views and position are accurately represented in the strategic decisions taken. This requires consistent, named representation that meets

often enough to develop deeper relationships. Members of the partnership commit to providing meaningful representation of the partner they represent, including consulting stakeholders through surveys, focus groups and more as appropriate.

The following membership is agreed.

Partner	Role	Current Representative
CEP	Chair	Cat Scutt
CACE	Cornwall Association of Chief Execs	Dan Buckley (Chair of CEP) <i>(Agreed additional representative – vacancy)</i>
SATs	Single academy school trusts	<i>Agreed to be represented through CASH and CAPH</i>
Independent Schools via CACE	Schools in the independent sector	Andy Johnson
Cornwall Council	All schools not in a trust	Eveleen Riordan Graeme Plunkett
CEP Operations Board	CEP Operations Board, which brings together all education delivery partners in Cornwall	Jen Blunden (Chair of Operational Board, also CACE) (Vice Chair of CEP)
One Cornwall	Combined Teaching School Hubs serving the whole of Cornwall	Chris Challis (also CACE)
Regions Group	DfE Regions Group for the South West	Jade Poole
Early Years	Representation of nursery age pupils	Helen Adams
SEND	Specialist provision	Guy Chappell (also CACE)
AP	Alternative education provision	Rob Gasson (also CACE)
CASH	Cornwall Association of Secondary School Headteachers	Dom Wilkes
CAPH	Cornwall Association of Primary School Headteachers	Emma Kerr
Diocese	Truro Diocesan Board of Education	Lee Moscato
FE	Representing Cornwall FE / Colleges	Martin Tucker

Meeting frequency

Half-termly meetings at New County Hall in Truro, with virtual attendance available through Teams for those unable to attend in person. Dates will be agreed a year in advance and will typically be in September (meeting 1), November (meeting 2), January (3), March (4), May (5), and June (6).

Funding Stream

Cornwall Council have committed to provide business support for the next two years. Beyond this the Partnership will seek funding from other sources, for example through DfE funding or through Partnership members, given the future need for such structures in all regions.

Chair, Vice Chair and Remit

An independent chair is appointed via a recruitment process. A Vice Chair is appointed annually. The remit of these roles is agreed by the partnership.

Remit of the Partnership

1. To agree Cornwall school improvement priorities and develop an education strategy for Cornwall to address these for all phases of education, including Early Years, in order that we can inform the focus, direction and impact of education improvement approaches in Cornwall, including through the CEP Operational Board.
2. To achieve this through close attention to all available data, including analysis of national and local trends as well as the collective views of all organisations represented through the partnership, and in particular, analysis of performance of key groups such as disadvantaged students, the most able etc.
3. To establish priorities that are consistent with our vision and values, with agreed KPIs by which progress towards these will be evaluated.
4. To enable sharing across Cornwall of best practice that has led to impact on the life chances of children and families.