



Together   
for Families

# The Cornwall Small Schools Network

A collaborative learning community uniquely for Cornwall

We are very aware of the multiple challenges currently facing all schools and that these pressures may be intensified in small settings.



Headteacher isolation  
Leadership of multiple subjects



Mixed-age planning  
Progression in split year groups

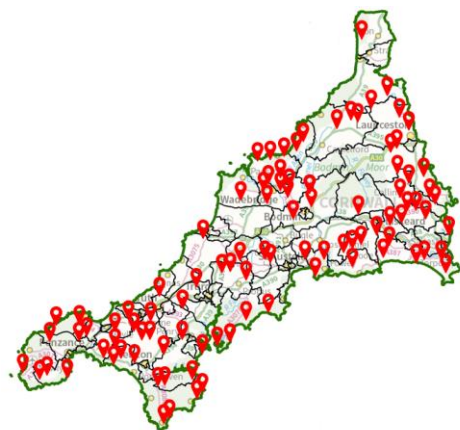


Challenging catchment areas  
Remote settings

This situation was highlighted by the work of the Quality of Education team in schools across the Duchy and our recent survey of settings to ascertain need. The national picture for small schools was revealed in the recent TES review of Ofsted outcomes for settings with 150 pupils or fewer.

Our Duchy has a disproportionate number of primaries with 120 pupils or fewer.

**The Cornwall Small Schools Network is our response to this situation.**



The small schools working party agreed on this rationale, placing support for teachers first:-

*To support headteachers and staff of small schools across the Duchy through precision CPD and a 'gold standard' of LA care, to ensure high quality teaching, work against staff overload and best prepare settings for Ofsted.*

*To establish a network learning community where, through mutual support, small schools can reflect on and share best practice and work collaboratively to develop universal, targeted and wider evidence-based strategies for improvement.*

Membership of the Cornwall Small Schools Network is free in the first year\*, for both LA maintained settings and those in MATs. Membership includes:-

## A NETWORKED LEARNING COMMUNITY

*A Duchy-wide supportive, collaborative approach; including critical features for effective professional development; development of teacher skills, attitudes and best practice shared across the network; application of knowledge and skills in context; improved outcomes for learners - 3 online sessions per year*

### TRAINING DAYS

*Providing context specific CPD matched to unique needs of Cornish small schools e.g. curriculum development; progression of mixed year groups; curriculum golden threads*  
*\*may include a small fee to cover costs*

### AREA GROUPS

*Peer to peer support in your area of the Duchy; headteacher links; identification of locality specific needs and successes – 3 in person sessions per year in host schools*

### NAMED LA LINK

*Personal contact for needs, concerns and updates*

### Interested?

To find out more, please contact the project lead [Andrew.beasley@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.beasley@cornwall.gov.uk) or join one of online Q&As – 7<sup>th</sup> November 12:00-13:00 or 10<sup>th</sup> November 16:00-17:00

Book a place for the FREE conference at Victoria Offices, St Austell on 8th December 2023 09:00 to 16:00 via Services for Schools (Code: SSN)

**The Cornwall Small Schools Network – Sharing the Load**