

Childrens Services – BLN

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Dear Head Teacher

Action Required: Are you aware that your internet contract is coming to an end?

Currently your internet is provided by the Bradford Learning Network (BLN). The BLN is a not for profit provider, with one of its core values to provide a service that helps meet your needs in **Safe Guarding children on the internet**. It is the best way by which we can provide a common "entitlement" internet learning experience for all users across Bradford District.

We provide you with:

- **Internet Access** – fast and secured with firewalls enabling you to push the boundaries of the use of ICT such as blogging, live video streams.
- **Filtering** – allows access to the sites you want based on who you are with the confidence that children are safe
- **Email** - reliable email service to run your school and teach the pupils
- **Learning Portal** – one place to BLN subscribed software with one password.
- **Staff Portal** – communicate together and safely share resources where ever you are.
- **Software** – free and collaboratively purchased saving schools time and money e.g £120,000 was saved on collective primary subscriptions last year
- **Teaching and Learning** – Free support on using the BLN and online adventures to engage pupils
- **Helpdesk** – one stop shop for support with internet issues

Next Steps

A School Reference Group (SRG), with responsibility for deciding the future of the BLN will look like, has been brought together. This group will run the procurement process for the next BLN contract. The SRG will be supported by a Technical Reference Group (TRG) made up from schools and technical representatives.

To ensure a successful project we need to have published a specification by mid February and made decisions that all schools are prepared to back by the end of March. To assist with this we are currently working with the SRG to establish some indicative costs for your budget preparation.

Warning

During this re-procurement others may approach you directly with tempting but individual solutions. If we are to continue to obtain best value and save everyone money it is important that we act together.

What do you need to do next?

- If you want to join the SRG or share your thoughts on the shaping of the future BLN, contact either a member of SRG (see overleaf), reply to this mail or call 01274 385844.
- Look out for indicative BLN costs so you can put them in your budget.

Yours Sincerely,



Jo Dean
BLN Project Manager



Your Representatives

The SRG is made up of LAP, DAP, Secondary and Catholic Partnership representatives plus some further individual Head Teachers with a strong interest and expertise in ICT.

	Contact	School	Area/Phase
Catholic Partnership	Dan Copley	St Francis Catholic Primary	Bradford East 1
Confirmed Rep	Andy Gaunt	Greengates Primary School	Bradford East 1
Lap Chair	Richard O'Sullivan	Byron Primary	Bradford East 2
Lap Chair	Mike Latham	Newby Primary	Bradford East 3
Lap Chair	Clare Daddy	Farfield Primary	Bradford South 1
Confirmed Rep	Helen Metcalf	Brackenhill Primary	Bradford South 2
Lap Chair	Jayne Clarke	Ryecroft Primary	Bradford South 3
Lap Chair	Danny Walker	Girlington Primary	Bradford West 1
Confirmed Rep	Kevin Holland	Green Lane Primary	Bradford West 2
Confirmed Rep	Bryan Harrison	Miriam Lord Community Primary School	Bradford West 2
Secondary Partnership	Paul Burlaux	Grange Technology College	Bradford West 3
Confirmed Rep	Duncan Jacques	Horton Grange Primary	Bradford West 3
DAP	Dominc Wall	Southfield School	Bradford West 3
Confirmed Rep	John Devlin	Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary	Keighley 1
Lap Chair	Carry Lynott	Ben Rhydding Primary	Keighley 2
Lap Chair	Jill Holland	Lees Primary	Keighley 3
Lap Chair	Mick Cutin	Baildon Primary	Shipley 1
Lap Chair	Malcolm Campbell	Denholme Primary	Shipley 2
Secondary Partnership	Tony Rickwood	Parkside School	Shipley 2

