

Wallands Priory Partnership

The aim of the partnership is to develop stronger links between the schools which will bring about improvements for the pupils and families across the partnership. The partnership will also provide Wallands with extra support in many areas including teaching, learning, school management, improving behaviour and transition to secondary school. We are very excited about the opportunities that this will provide for the school and all of our children.

Why the partnership now?

The focus at Wallands is to improve teaching and learning and ensure our children are happy, safe, well behaved and stimulated, despite the very challenging financial pressures we face. The partnership offers us the support we need to achieve this. The wider education landscape is changing and many schools are now joining forces to strengthen the quality of education they offer, and to protect against wider budget pressures, and we want to proactively do the same.

Where will resource and expertise be focused? What will that look like on a day-to-day basis?

There are a wide range of support programmes being developed:

1. Some direct support is being commissioned from other Lewes primary schools using some of the funds secured through bids to the Local Authority
2. Priory is providing support via their Student Support Worker which will focus on behaviour improvement and transition – this will involve work with small groups of students
3. Priory will provide support via the Specialist Leaders of Education' who will be able to support with some teaching and learning strategies.
4. The partnership has also brought additional capacity to the Outdoor Learning Project via the Income generation Officer from Priory School. The partnership is now seeking to increase income via bids to a number of external agencies
5. The Admissions Officer from Priory School is providing support with the Student Admissions Module
6. The Governing Bodies of the two schools will work in partnership to help develop the skills and effectiveness of both bodies.

How is the partnership being funded?

Over the next year, the partnership will receive targeted funds from East Sussex County Council, as well as through a successful bid to the local school partnership fund. Support in kind also comes from within each school, noticeably in the creation of the Executive Head role and the ability to share resources between both schools.