The BCP Inclusion Support Partnership and Education Clusters

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What will we achieve by the end of this session?

AIM
To provide updates on the new BCP Inclusion Support Partnership (Experts at Hand) model and the cluster groups for settings & schools

- Where are we with the BCP Inclusion Support Partnership model?
- What will the soft launch in January look like?
- What support will be available?
- What do we mean by school clusters and how will this impact my child?
- What happens next?



Re Cap: What is Experts at Hand?

Support that strengthens inclusion in local schools and settings;

- Working **alongside** nurseries, schools and colleges
- Helps identify needs **earlier**
- Builds staff **confidence and skills**
- Focuses on **inclusion and belonging** for all children and young people
- Rather than children having to wait for support elsewhere, experts will work alongside staff in the places **where children already learn**
- The offer **does not replace** any statutory support such as EHCPs; it is an **additional offer** at the universal and targeted levels of support



The DfE have created some FAQs for families:
Experts at Hand: Everything you need to know – The Education Hub

You said, We did



The BCP Inclusion support Partnership



The BCP Inclusion Support Partnership is our local Experts at Hand model

A new way of supporting schools, settings and colleges to:

- Strengthen inclusive practice
- Access specialist advice earlier
- Build staff confidence and capability
- Improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND
- Access the right support at the right time

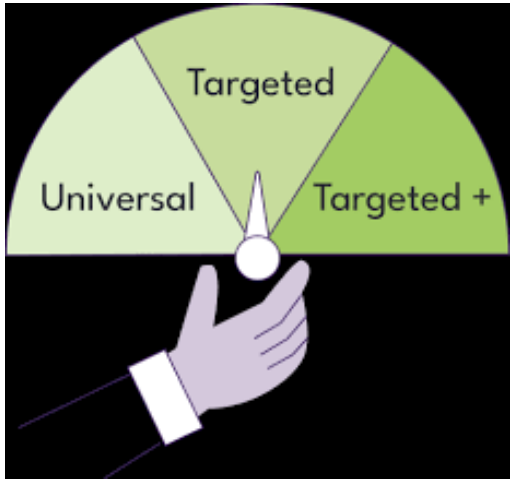
BCP Model updates on our graduated approach: BCP Inclusion Support Partnership (Experts at Hand) | BCP GATI

What support will be available?

There will be a full menu for schools and settings offering universal and targeted support covering:

Universal Support
Training and professional development
Consultation and coaching
Communities of practice
Resource development
Environmental reviews

Targeted Support
Small-group interventions
Joint planning with specialists
Observation and modelling
Advice for groups of pupils with similar needs
Family partnership support



Who is involved?

There will be five new support teams that supporting two clusters each:

Inclusion leads as a single point of contacts	Educational Psychologists	Assistant Educational Psychologists	Occupational Therapists
Occupational Therapy Assistants	Speech and Language Therapists	Experienced inclusion leaders seconded to the Local authority	Early Years Area SENCos
Best Start Inclusion Practitioners	Lived Experience representation and support: families and young people	*Connections with health services: Mental health support teams , CAMHS, and local support groups*	*Connections to family hubs and preparation for adulthood services*



The support team works alongside schools and settings in their cluster, building on existing expertise rather than replacing it.

What Happens next?

Our Timeline

September – December 2026 → **January 2027** → **Spring – Summer 2027**

Recruitment, training, induction, testing the pathways



Soft launch with two groups covering four clusters



Test, learn, refine and expand across all clusters



Clusters – Cradle to Career

Group One

Bournemouth & Bournemouth West

Group Two

Bournemouth North & Bournemouth Town Centre

Group Three

Bournemouth East & Christchurch

Group Four

Poole Central & Poole East

Group Five

Poole North & Poole South

Which cluster groups will take part in the soft launch?

Group 1

Bournemouth
Winton Primary School
Moordown St John's CoE Primary School
St Mark's CoE Primary School
Winton Academy
Glenmoor Academy
Hill View Primary School
St Luke's CoE Primary School

Bournemouth West
Elm Academy
Kingsleigh Primary School
Kinson Academy
Heathlands Primary Academy
Christ The King Catholic Primary School
LeAF Studio
Oak Academy
The Bourne Academy
Bearwood Primary and Nursery School

Group 2

Bournemouth North
Jewell Academy
Muscliff Primary School
The Epiphany School
Bournemouth School
Bournemouth School for Girls
The Bishop of Winchester Academy
St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Bournemouth Town Centre
St James' CoE Primary Academy
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School
Pokesdown Primary School
Malmesbury Park Primary School
St Michael's CoE Primary School
St Clement's and St John's CoE Infant School
Bethany CoE Junior School
Livingstone Academy Bournemouth
Queen's Park Infant Academy
Queen's Park Academy

BCP Inclusion Support Partnership (Experts at Hand)

Soft Launch Pilot | January 2027

Together, we achieve more than any single school or service can achieve alone.

WHY A PILOT?

- Test and refine the model
- Learn from real settings
- Strengthen inclusive practice
- Gather feedback before wider implementation

WHY THESE CLUSTERS?

Selection informed by:

- Early Years outcomes
- SEND & EHCP indicators
- Attendance patterns
- Inclusion & behaviour indicators

PILOT CLUSTERS

Group 1
Bournemouth
Bournemouth West

Group 2
Bournemouth North
Bournemouth Town Centre

Purpose: Test how earlier, coordinated support and easier access to specialist expertise can strengthen inclusion and improve outcomes across differing contexts.

January 2027
Soft launch begins + Training available to ALL BCP schools and settings

Summer Term 2027
Full Experts at Hand model available across BCP

This is a short test-and-learn pilot, not a phased approach to support. January is the beginning of the journey for everyone.

What will happen in January?



Thank You

Any Questions?

