

# DEVELOPING PATHS

Birmingham's Secrets to Success

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# BIRMINGHAM UK...

- Population of 1 million people
- 250,000 children and young people under 18 years of age
- 428 schools
- Diverse city, 50 home and community languages spoken
- Bottom 5% of most deprived districts in the





# PATHS IN BIRMINGHAM

- Started as an RCT in 2009 with 28 implementation and 28 control schools
- Following the trial in 2011 - 28 schools
- By 2015 - just over 70 schools and 24,000 children were accessing the curriculum
- During this time, funding was withdrawn and we needed to become a 'traded' service

# ONE

## FUNDING

- funding - what additional money are schools able to access at the moment?
- can the funding be used for PATHS?
- UK - pupil premium
- Consortia or groups of schools



# TWO

## AMPLIFY

- amplify elements of PATHS relevant to current educational 'trends'
- but be honest and clear about what PATHS can and can't do.
- Use current government independent feedback (OFSTED)



# THREE

## PASSION

- passion and subject knowledge is crucial
- help schools understand PATHS impact through anecdotes, stories and other evidence
- significant pressure and time constraints in schools than ever before

# FOUR

## CREATE A BUZZ

- use your model schools and passionate advocates
- schools recruit other schools
- parents recruit other parents
- videos and stakeholder views





# FIVE

## QUALITY



- Why do the school want to use PATHS? Is it for the right reasons?
- Don't be afraid to say 'no' or suggest what they might need to do to be 'PATHS ready'

# SIX

## KEEP THEM COMING BACK

develop 'add - ons'

- keeps schools engaged and interested
- improves PATHS outcomes
- provides additional funding and sustainability



# ADD-ONS

small group work

paths ambassadors

**6 week parent course**

assembly scheme

year 5/reception buddy programme

midday supervisor training

# SEVEN

## RELATIONSHIPS

- 3months+ to get an initial visit in a school you don't know
- develop trust!
- nurture and respect the relationship
- partnership approach



“Everything in your life is a reflection of a choice you have made. If you want a different result, make a different choice”

– Unknown



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