

King Alfred's Encouraged Primary Partner Schools to Switch to the Bromcom MIS

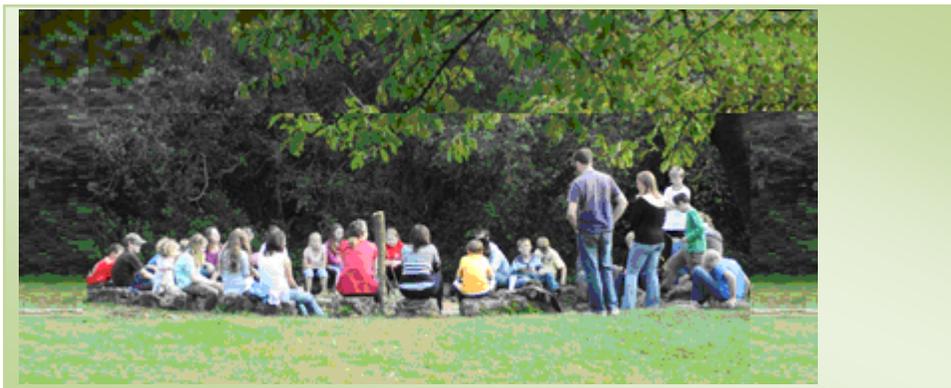
King Alfred's is a large secondary school in Oxfordshire with 1900 students and 140 teachers.

Following a countywide tender, King Alfred's decided that the Bromcom Management Information System suited their needs best.

King Alfred's is a member of the Vale Academy Trust along with four primary schools. As the school was happy using the system, they encouraged all of their primary partner schools to switch to the Bromcom MIS.

Today more than 3,000 pupils in Oxfordshire are being registered, having their grades and behaviour monitored and analysed via the Bromcom MIS.

IT Project Manager, Tim Cave, and the Information Systems Manager, Elisabeth Hall, support the primary partner schools MIS use. Elisabeth arranges meetings for the schools to share advice and tips on using the MIS and she also assisted with administrative training.



Why did you encourage all of the Trust's schools to move to the Bromcom MIS?

*"Firstly, we were happy with the **efficiency** of the Bromcom MIS and believe that it is a very good Management Information System. Now that all the schools in the Trust are using the Bromcom MIS, the schools **support** one another. Regular meetings provide a forum for administrative staff to discuss and share best practices."*

*"Data and reports are **consistent** throughout the Vale Trust schools. They are produced and handled in the same manner which facilitates comparison. Also sometimes teachers at King Alfred's teach at the primary partner schools and it is far easier to use the familiar MIS to take attendance and access pupil data."*

– Tim Cave, ICT Project Manager, King Alfred's

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Furthermore Elisabeth Hall is an administrator and can access the primary schools MIS and resolve any issues they may have from her own desk. She can access all student data and can track a child's progress from primary to secondary school. She also put an assessment program together using reporting tools and rolled it out to all 4 primaries.

'Standardisation across the Trust's schools makes procedures and reports easier to produce and more consistent because the schools 'are speaking the same language.'

It is important for the Academy's Executive Head to have the Trust's reports built, retrieved and presented in the same format which was difficult when schools were using different Management Information Systems. For instance, all schools attendance reports have the same layout and format which makes comparison easier.

*"It is useful to see the route pupils have travelled from primary to secondary. I can access the primary databases so can see **historical data**. I can also build an assessment **template** and export it to a partner school's system so they can use the same template. Our meetings with partner schools encourage Bromcom users to **share best practices**. It is the primary schools themselves who put an agenda together and we have had positive feedback. I am also able to assist primary partners with any system queries they have. If schools were using different Management Information Systems I would not be able to support them as well as I do today."*

- Elisabeth Hall, Information Systems Manager

Some of the many advantages of feeder schools using the same MIS

- Standardised and coherent administrative procedures
- Consistent reports
- Added support from partner schools
- Ability to easily follow a child's academic progress from primary to secondary

Feeder school, Wantage Primary School like using e-Contact, Bromcom's text messaging service

*"It is very convenient that we can contact **a large number of parents quickly** via Bromcom's e-Contact. We send messages to parents should their child fail to attend school and to remind them of parent association meetings etc. Also we send important reminders for school events such as school trips, clubs and any cancellations."*

- Beverly Jackson-Dodd, Wantage Primary School

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