

New to Mobilise?



What is Mobilise? Funded by Lincolnshire Learning Partnership, this evidence-based project supports schools to meet improvement priorities (identified on the school development plan) through collaborative partnership. Schools are placed in geographical clusters and a nominated School-based Lead (SBL) attends 6 ‘professional learning communities’ (PLCs) through the academic year, which are facilitated by a Cluster Lead. Further details at: <https://bit.ly/30sdHLO>

How will I know what is happening next year? You will receive an email from the Project Lead, Vanessa Hopkinson, in the final week of the summer term that details the schools in your cluster and the name and contact details of your Cluster Lead along with the date, time and venue of the first PLC, which will fall between 19th September and 4th October. You will also be sent a proposed overview of each PLC focus – this is subject to change as new research is published or the project needs to shift its focus, based on feedback at PLCs. Your Cluster Lead will contact you after 18th September to introduce him/herself and will confirm details of the first PLC and send the documents that you should bring to the meeting.

What happens at a PLC? The Cluster Lead facilitates each 90-minute PLC. Some reading is shared, which is discussed by all SBLs. Each SBL generates an action plan that links the reading and discussion between SBLs to your individual school context – no more than 3 actions to be completed prior to the next PLC. An action plan template, questions to support the reading and an agenda will be sent to you prior to the PLC, which should be brought along – either electronically or a hard copy. (*Schools registered for emotional health & well-being (EHWB) will extend their meeting by a further hour to include support from additional charities, services and agencies relevant to the PLC-focus.*)

What do I do with the action plan? This should be shared with SLT so that any amendments to your actions and any time for monitoring or staff development can be arranged. Before the next PLC, you should review the action plan – annotate progress and next steps and RAG-rate each action. The Headteacher should ‘sign off’ the action plan. You should bring a photocopy of the annotated plan to the next PLC so that you can share progress and ideas with other SBLs; your Cluster Lead will keep a copy. *You may find suggested prompts useful in completing your action plan:* <https://bit.ly/2GdycUR>

How does this impact on my school? Following your cluster-PLC, you should replicate the same meeting, with its reading at your school with staff. Each member of staff (or KS/department) creates an action plan that relates to their individual class/KS/department. You can use the ‘summary of key points, questions and suggested actions’ sent to you by the Cluster Lead to support you.

What if I can’t attend a PLC? Check the ‘PLC Bookings’ document on the Mobilise website home-page: <https://mobilise.kyrateachingschool.com/> to see if an alternative meeting is more convenient (please note that each project has its acronym after the name of the Cluster Lead and the year of the project e.g. Sally Smith’s maths cluster, in its second year will be called Smith MA2). *You may attend any alternative as long as it is the same project, including year.* Please contact the Project Lead to advise of any intended alternative so that you can be informed of any last minute changes: vanessa.hopkinson@kyrateachingschool.com The relevant Cluster Lead will then be informed to expect you – you will be made very welcome!

Dates and Events: We regularly update the Mobilise Timeline on the website home-page so check for any additional training opportunities that complement your project. Dates, times and venues of the remaining 5 PLCs will be agreed at the first meeting of the new academic year. A termly newsletter is also sent in the final week of each term to keep you up-to-date with all the Mobilise projects.

Website Contributions: You are warmly invited to send any resources, documents or blogs that you have developed in your school to the Project Lead that can be shared on the Mobilise website.