



People Directorate

City of York Council  
West Offices  
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Dear Colleague,

### **Shared Foundation Partnerships – Annual Letter**

Firstly, sincere thanks to all our Shared Foundation Partnerships for their continued work over the past year especially with the ongoing impact of Covid -19, the cost-of-living crisis and the subsequent recruitment and retention crisis. There remain huge social and economic upheavals taking place for our children, families, schools and settings and you have continued to work together as collaborative partnerships.

The work you do is crucial in supporting good holistic outcomes for children and ensuring sufficiency of places. We will continue to support you to develop your partnership by working to address any sufficiency issues arisen from the market changes and to assist you to meet any new challenges that the sector faces.

We have been impressed by your take up of the Early Talk for York WellComm toolkit, which stands at over 75% in the Early Years. Your commitment leads to improved outcomes for our disadvantaged children, which in 2022 are looking positive, with the difference between our ETFY schools' disadvantaged children and non-disadvantaged nationally reducing to just 2.5% (previously 35%). The results at the end of EYFS are impressive too! In the EYFS, **70.9%** of children achieved a good level of development in York, **5.7% higher than** the national average of **65.2%**. As a city, we rank **13th percentile** compared to all LAs nationally.

The key aims of Shared Foundation Partnerships are focused on:

- Improving quality (including transition, moderation, pedagogy, supporting vulnerability)
- Social mobility, closing the word gap and speech language and communication
- Increasing availability of places to meet demand for childcare including families with children with SEND

We have attached key documents for your information. There is no requirement to submit a partnership action plan but we would strongly encourage all to complete minutes from each meeting to evidence how you are working towards the key themes. We have attached an 'action minutes' template that provides a suggested termly agenda aimed at meeting the key themes. Please feel free to use this or adjust it to suit your needs.

### **Partnership contact details**

It is vital that our database holds the most up to date details for the following:

- Chairperson
- Main contact for the partnership

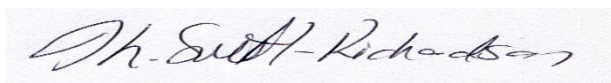
- Social Mobility Champion
- Nominated partnership 'SENDCo' and 'Early Years Lead'
- Email address for each member of the partnership

We have attached a blank partnership contact details pro-forma. Please could you provide all the information requested and return it by **Friday 30 September 2022**.

Links to all the information contained in this letter can be found on the Shared Foundation Partnership website page at [www.york.org.uk/workforce2014/Childcare%20Strategy/shared-foundation-partnership.htm](http://www.york.org.uk/workforce2014/Childcare%20Strategy/shared-foundation-partnership.htm)

If you have any further questions regarding the Shared Foundation Partnerships then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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*CC: The Chair of Shared Foundation Partnership*

**Attached**

- SFP action minutes
- SFP roles and themes
- Partnership contact details
- SFP action plan