

# ICT SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS PROJECT

## Invitation to January 2011 School Workshops and Progress Update

### School workshops

We have made considerable progress on the ICT Services for Schools Project and it is on schedule for implementation of the new single ICT service at the beginning of April 2011.

We have now started Stage 2 of the project – this will deliver the new ICT Service Design Model. **As part of this stage we have arranged several two hour workshops for schools on the afternoons of the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011 which we would really encourage you to attend.** These workshops will be based on the feedback you gave at the November ICT requirements workshops and in the online Questionnaire. We will present the proposed ICT Service Design Model and ask for your views and comments.

As before, the workshops are suitable for head teachers, staff involved in leadership and in management of ICT, teaching and non teaching staff. Each workshop will have the same content (so you only need attend one) and they are being held in Kings Lynn, Mattishall and Norwich – a buffet lunch will be available before the workshop starts.

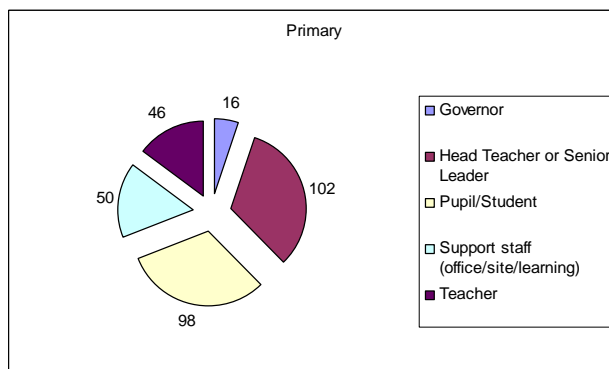
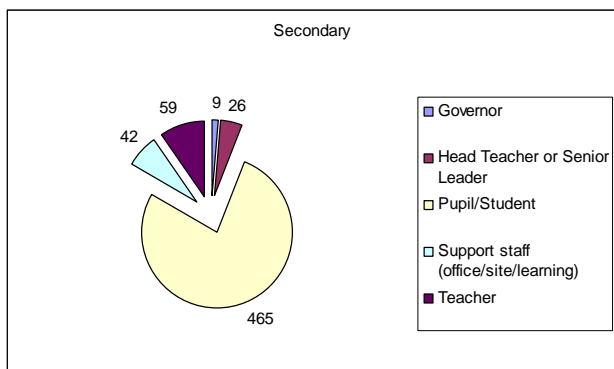
It is very important that we obtain your input to ensure that we get the new ICT Service Design right. If you haven't already booked a place at one of the workshops please do so by clicking on the following link [Schools Workshop Invite](#).

### Progress update

Stage 1 of the project covered the consultation with schools to identify ICT requirements from a teaching and learning perspective. A significant consultation exercise was undertaken during November comprising:

- workshops attended by a wide range of school staff (46 staff attended from 41 schools)
- an online survey (945 responses received from 200 schools)
- school visits
- national guidance and advice from the e-Learning Steering Group and the Advisory Service

A wide range of users responded to the survey and the charts below illustrate the distribution across different sectors:



The requirements have been documented in the Output Based Specification (OBS) which was approved at the Project Board meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January. The Project Board wants the requirements documented in the OBS thoroughly tested with schools during the January workshops.

Thank you very much to all the schools that have contributed to the consultation process so far – hope to see you at the January workshops.

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