

Kent Learning Zone

Kent Learning Zone (KLZ) is revolutionising the way schools communicate. Everything in KLZ is available anywhere, anytime via a secure online portal. It's fully supported, cost-effective and completely secure, and can be tailored entirely to the needs of your school.

With KLZ you can:

- Create **shared spaces** where everything from pupil records to homework, school calendars and policies can be viewed, updated and managed.
- Develop areas for **collaboration** with other schools and external bodies, allowing the exchange of ideas, information and news.
- Tailor **workspaces** to an individual pupil, teacher or team.
- Access **SIMS**, Word and Excel anywhere, anytime.
- Manage your **email** and set up real-time chat between individuals and groups.

And EiS will **support** you with a comprehensive programme of training, consultancy, online resources and friendly, local IT support at the end of a phone. Whatever your school needs from its communications' systems – KLZ has the solution.



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“ Our experience can be summed up by my deputy head, who was recently heard to say how KLZ has ‘changed her life!’ ”



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What you get:

- KLZ SharePoint
- KLZ Messaging
- KLZ Email
- KLZ SIMS & Office
- KLZ Virtual Learning Environment
- KLZ Support

KLZ SharePoint

There's no limit to what SharePoint can do for your school from managing your internal communications to county-wide collaborations.

You can create web pages and learning spaces for individuals and groups, and you can store and share information with staff, teachers, pupils, parents, PTA members and Governors.

You can develop areas for collaboration with other schools and external bodies such as district projects, county led projects, feeder projects and specialist subject collaborations.

And with complete control over who uses or views an area, and round-the-clock remote access, you can make easy work of arranging supply cover, managing calendars and room bookings, conducting surveys and remote working.



“80% of users rated KLZ as **excellent**, **very good** or **good**.”

Source: EIS Customer Satisfaction Survey 2010.

KLZ Messaging

With our instant messaging system you can set up real-time chat with any member of the KLZ community.

Unlike email, it can save you vast amounts of time and storage space managing inboxes, while still logging conversations to allow investigation of suspected misuse.

Teachers can send and receive messages mid-lesson; pupils can discuss homework among their peer groups; staff can get in touch with school PTA members; and school Governors can talk to headteachers, all without the need to schedule phone calls, disrupt classes or send runners.

And with the simple addition of a microphone and a webcam you can even host live video meetings, share applications and desktops, and run interactive, online voting.

KLZ Messaging also has the unique advantage of not being available to the public, making it completely secure.

KLZ Email

KLZ Email is reliable, secure and competitively priced. Currently used by over 35,000 people, it comes with various mailbox size options to suit your school.

Email can be accessed anytime, anywhere via Outlook and the system is integrated with a range of other Microsoft products, making organising meetings through the calendar functions and managing tasks simple.

And by using Exchange ActiveSync you can synchronise KLZ Email with your smart phone. Allowing you to access your email, calendar, contacts lists and task manager through your mobile, even when you're offline.

KLZ SIMS & Office

If you have Schools Broadband, you can use SIMS and Microsoft Office via the internet including Word, Excel and PowerPoint. And because your systems can be securely accessed from any computer at any time of the day or night, information and systems are easily accessible, all of the time.

KLZ Virtual Learning Environment

One new service that's coming soon from KLZ is our Virtual Learning Environment. You'll be able to manage learning online through a single, secure site including setting homework, completing homework and even automatic marking. And you'll be able to update content, track student progress, share resources and access the site from any computer, at anytime.

With the added benefit of live, real-time interaction, the KLZ VLE will help you create a genuinely supportive environment for effective online learning.

KLZ Support

With KLZ you're always fully supported.

Our consultants will work with you to create a system that best meets your needs, and at a pace that suits you. We'll provide training to make sure your school gets the maximum benefit and we'll even address SMT and Governor meetings to ensure your stakeholders are fully engaged.

We'll help you with the transition of all your current systems and data onto KLZ and our friendly technical support team will be on-hand throughout the working day.

And because we're continually monitoring and adapting to developments in education and technology, KLZ will grow with you, however your needs may change in the future.



And now for the technical bit...

KLZ has an impressive infrastructure. Our communications room has restricted access, air conditioning, a fire suppression system, UPS protected power supply, emergency generator backup power and environmental monitoring. In short, we've got you covered.

Our Provenance

KLZ was first piloted by EiS (Education IT Services) in 2007. EiS is itself part of the Kent County Council but is independently funded. We provide a huge range of systems, support services, training and consultancy to schools throughout Kent and beyond.

To date, KLZ has been commissioned by over 300 primary schools, secondary schools and special schools with more than 40,000 individual users.

Prices & Packages

Prices are dependent on the type of school, the number of pupils and the KLZ package option that you select. We offer a range of options tailored to suit the requirements of *your* school.

For more information on prices and options please see our current KLZ price list or contact us for an introductory, no-obligation chat about our KLZ services.

How can you contact us?

Find out what KLZ can do for your school by calling us on 01622 683708 or sending an email to eis@kent.gov.uk.

Visit our website at www.eiskent.co.uk?klz

Or pop in and see us at:
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Our passion in EiS is to make a real difference in education and ultimately children's lives by providing innovative solutions and outstanding support services.



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Briary Primary School, Herne Bay

Briary Primary School in Herne Bay are prolific users of KLZ.

Briary were first introduced to KLZ through the Pilot scheme in 2008 and they now use it for all internal communication including staff announcements, room bookings, calendars, diaries and lesson plans. It's also become their primary means of storing and accessing documents such as school policies and assessment data, which has massively reduced their paperwork. As an Eco School with a Green Flag this has been crucially important to them.

All Briary staff and teachers use the instant messaging system so conversations are delivered in real-time and cause the least disruption. And with a site already set up for the school governors, there are future plans for class pages that can be used for projects and homework, and pupil profiles where

parents can access information about their child's development.

Having all systems available through a single, secure portal has been of greatest benefit to Briary. It's improved efficiency, reduced paperwork, and enhanced the way the school communicates and functions.

In fact, Briary is so impressed with KLZ that they've put together their own IT team to look at how they can continue to develop the system in future.

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The logo for Kent County Council features the text 'Kent County Council' in white on a red background, with a white silhouette of a horse rearing up to the right.

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Aldington Primary School, Ashford

The Aldington Primary School in Ashford originally started working with KLZ when the schools in their cluster all agreed to implement the same system. While the cluster may have changed, Aldington liked the system so much it stayed with KLZ.

From using the calendar and email facility, Aldington now has a Governor's area that offers all of its governors remote, round-the-clock access; a school management system that carries school policies, the school development plan and is currently being extended to record lesson observations; and a PTFA area so that eventually Aldington can roll the system out to its parents.

While KLZ has huge potential for the school they're taking its development slowly in order to ensure that everyone is fully engaged and trained to use the system to its full potential.

Head Teacher, Sandra MacCourt would happily recommend KLZ to other schools ...

"The support we've had has been great and has allowed us to develop the system at our own pace, tailoring it completely to the needs of our school and our stakeholders."

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