

Corporate Parenting Select Committee

Tony Doran, Headteacher of Virtual School Kent (VSK), Kent County Council

Biography

Tony is an experienced Senior Leader within education with a drive and passion in tackling disadvantage and underachievement. The last decade has been mostly spent within inner city and urban secondary schools in challenging situations, developing pastoral systems to support and engage all students in learning.

Between 2003 and 2009 Tony developed, implemented and evolved his Attitudes to Learning System, which received national recognition in 2007. This later led to a secondment into the Prime Ministers Delivery Unit as a consultant behaviour expert, during their 2008/9 National Behaviour Review.

The 2009/10 academic year was spent as a Behaviour and Attendance Adviser for the South East of England within The National Strategies, which included significant work with the Narrowing the Gap Team. This offered Tony a unique opportunity to see local and national issues and effective practice. These experiences over the last ten years have solidified a real optimism that through an effective multi agency, strategically co-ordinated approach we can break down barriers that our most vulnerable children face. Together it is our duty to facilitate better outcomes for children in care.