# Children, Young People, Education and Skills (CYPES)



Our business plan to support children and young people in 2022



The Government of Jersey wants Jersey to be the best place for children and young people to grow-up and thrive.

Children and young people are the Island's future, so it's important they get the right support at the right time.

#### The **Department for Children, Young People, Education and Skills** (CYPES) focuses on putting the needs of children,

young people and families first.

#### Covid-19





It's made life more difficult for many families

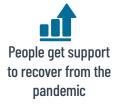


Children have missed out on learning and friendships



It's affected people's mental health

So... it's important that:



Families get help to cope with any extra pressures

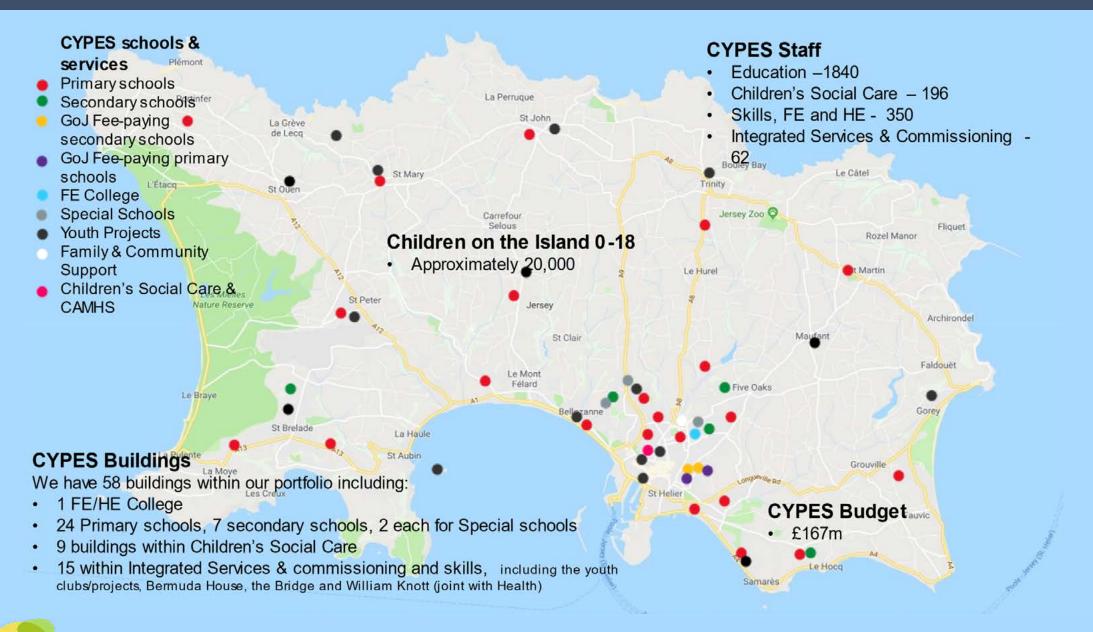


Children and young people get support to catch up on learning



This tells you about our plans to help children, young people and their families in Jersey.

## Some facts about us



#### Who we are

CYPES is part of the Government of Jersey.

#### **Children's Social Care Services**

 keeping children safe and supporting them. We also make sure children who are looked after have the right care and support.

#### **Skills and Lifelong**

**Learning** – supporting learning and education activities through apprenticeships, traineeships and higher education courses. We also give young people career advice and opportunities to engage with work. **Education** – supporting children from early years right through to when they leave education. We also support vulnerable children, children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and children who are educated at home.

#### Integrated Services and Commissioning – working with

other services and programmes that support children and families. This includes parenting programmes, Community Services and CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services).

**Commissioning** — Sometimes we pay organisations and businesses to run services for us.

**Our purpose** is to make a positive difference, every day, to the lives of all children, young people, their families and carers.

CYPES

are:

### **Education**

Our Education Services will:

- use our **Early Years the Best Start programme** to support families with children under 5-years-old through
- run **Education Catch Up projects** in schools that include support in maths, reading, arts projects and summer schools in 4 schools across the Island
- deliver a Mental Health project at Highlands College
- continue to **target our resources** so all children and young people have the same opportunities to thrive, and we reduce inequality.

#### **Children's Social Care Services**

Our Children's Social Care Services will:

- continue to make sure children are **safe**
- make sure there are enough safe **placements** and **foster care** for the children we look after
- develop and grow our fostering services so children don't have to be placed off the Island
- open a Therapeutic Children's Home that can help children recover from trauma
- make sure we have a **sustainable workforce** to meet the needs of the children we look after
- step-in-early and do **assessments** so families get the **right help at the right time**
- make sure families have support and **parenting programmes** in their local community
- find new ways for **CAMHS** to step in early and support children and young people
- develop a **Young People's Intensive Support Service** where professionals can work together to support children and young people who are vulnerable, at risk, or a risk to others.

#### **Skills and Lifelong Learning**

Our Skills and Lifelong Learning will:

- continue to look at the **higher education funding scheme** and find ways for more young people to go on to Higher Education
- use the **Retraining Strategy** to offer more people support for training to change careers or upskill
- use the **Skills Recovery Programme** to support young people to go on to training and employment.



#### **Integrated Services and Commissioning**

Our Integrated Services and Commissioning will:

- make sure all services put children and their families first
- **improve services** so children, young people and their families can reach better outcomes.

## In everything we do

We will:

- make sure everyone understands that the government is **legally the parent** of the children we look after
- make sure **young people leaving care** have the support they need to thrive
- make sure everyone knows about and promotes **children's rights**, including their right to be involved in decisions that affect their lives
- work with the Safeguarding Partnership Board to make sure services are safe and follow **standards**.



## Working with the new Children and Education Minister

We will work with the new Minister who has set out a **100 day plan**. The plan includes priorities to:

- Recruit more people into the workforce.
- Improve knowledge and skills.
- Finish this plans priorities for CYPES.

for 2022

Our plans

- Develop and start a participation and engagement plan for children and young people. This will make sure their voice is at at the heart of our policy, practice and decision making.
- Develop a Community Partnership Group, involving CYPES, Health and Community Services, Housing, States of Jersey Police, The Youth Service, Customer and Local Services, Parishes and Honorary Police.

- Improve CYPES buildings including schools.
- Start to deliver the CAMHS Mental Health & Wellbeing Plan.
- Finish the St Helier primary school estate report that will be presented to the Assembly.
- Finish the higher education review report to be presented to the Assembly.
- Make sure there's funding to help children get one meal a day in school. This includes a plan to roll this out across all public primary schools.

## **Other work**

We will support the Government with other plans to improve the lives of children and young people across Jersey. That includes supporting them with the Common Strategic Policy and Government Plan 2022-25.

### **Checking our work**

Our services should make a difference in the lives of Islanders. It is important that we monitor how we are doing in all our services. We have key targets we use to measure how we're doing. We also listen to children, young people and families about the services they use. If we see that we need to make a change, we will.

#### Thanks for reading this

You can read our full plan here: gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Government and administration/ID Business Plan CYPES 2022.pdf

