

## Vision Statement: Coventry and Warwickshire Boys Impact Hub

The Coventry and Warwickshire Boys Impact Hub will be a collaborative, cross-sector initiative committed to improving life chances for disadvantaged boys - particularly those eligible for Free School Meals. The Hub will work across both primary and secondary phases of education. Rooted in research and shaped by the needs of our communities, the Hub brings together schools, Higher and Further Education institutions, youth organisations, charities, police, local authorities, and families to work collectively for long-term, sustainable impact.

Our vision is to create environments where all children thrive by connecting with and empowering boys who are, or could become, disengaged. We will consider the root causes of underachievement and marginalisation, and work to prevent disadvantage from becoming destiny. We will focus on developing our understanding of young men, masculinity, and their education. Through targeted support, early intervention, and high-quality training for professionals, we aim to ensure every boy in our region is equipped to succeed - academically, socially, and emotionally.

The Hub will pilot and support in-school and community-based projects that tackle the barriers boys face using the [Taking Boys Seriously principles](#). Projects may range from mentoring programmes and reading interventions, to trauma-informed pastoral approaches and family outreach. We believe that by helping boys engage positively with learning and community, we strengthen outcomes for all - families, girls, schools, and society at large.

Our goals include:

- Raising attainment at KS2 and KS4 for disadvantaged boys
- Improving attendance and reducing exclusions
- Reducing the number of young people who become NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)
- Decreasing involvement in youth crime and antisocial behaviour
- Supporting schools and youth services with PD (Professional Development) and evidence-informed approaches

The Coventry and Warwickshire Boys Impact Hub stands for **inclusion, opportunity, and transformation** for individuals, for schools, and for our wider communities. Together, we can educate adults on the barriers experienced by boys, challenge stereotypes, break cycles of disengagement and build a stronger future for all.