

Please note: Whilst this update should be of interest for the Head Teachers of BSF schools, detailed information regarding your broadband service arrangements will be provided by Northgate



Procurement Successfully Completed

embc has successfully completed a procurement process to provide a new set of broadband services, including connectivity, for schools for the next seven years, from the end of the current contract in October 2012.

The aim is to provide continuity of safe and secure access to the internet and education specific online services, whilst at the same time giving greater choice to individual schools.

embc will become part of emPSN, the East Midlands Public Sector Network, and remain as the schools' service provider in the East Midlands.

What does my school have now?

- A contract with a single supplier – Synetrix (now Capita) – which continues until October 31st 2012
- A single package of managed services which includes the internet, the regional core network, school connections and all the services which run over it

What will be different?

- A choice of suppliers for both your school connection and services
- A direct contract with your supplier/s
- A choice of connection type dependent on location
- A choice of contract length which may differ for connectivity and services

When will we find out more?

Updates and Information

All news and information will be published electronically on both the **Schools' Extranet** and the **Leicester Gateway**. Head Teachers will receive email alerts when new items are added. Important decision points will also be signposted in the CPH newsletter.

Development Group Meetings between now and February

DG3, DG5 and DG6 are currently confirmed

Central Meetings at Forest Lodge Education Centre

January 18 th 2012	Network Managers' and Technicians' briefing
February 2 nd 2012	Head Teachers' and Senior Leaders' Question and Answer sessions
February 23 rd 2012	Head Teachers' and Senior Leaders' Question and Answer sessions

Will there be any help?

The eLearning Team will provide support and advice to help you make the right decisions for your school