

## Submission from West Sussex LEA

Dear Nathan et al

The implementation of broadband has given us the opportunity to make use of the School Names on the Net Project and introduce the Becta domain name to all our schools as they move on to the broadband solution. We are working to provide central e-mail/web services and are working with Martin Coulson at Atomwide to deliver a solution. We are very keen to ensure that schools use the Becta domain name, and also follow the advice as detailed on <http://www.safety.ngfl.gov.uk>, which discourages the use of 'firstname.lastname@schoolname.geographical-location.sch.uk' and recommends moving to a closed system.

To enable us to meet these needs in our central solution we would need to host a generic domain name for e-mail/web services. We would like to use the domain 'w-sussex.sch.uk' rather than creating a w-sussex.org.uk for instance, as this will avoid confusion in schools and allow for conformity. (Schools would still use @schoolname.w-sussex.sch.uk for Internet hosting, but e-mails sent/rec'd would be from @w-sussex.sch.uk, Intranet URLs would be w-sussex.sch.uk/schoolname etc).

I understand that this is not available as a 3LD and that we would need to register a generic 4LD. Our preferred generic 4LD are as follows:

1. edu.w-sussex.sch.uk
2. ed.w-sussex.sch.uk
3. lea.w-sussex.sch.uk

I would be extremely grateful if you could let me know as a matter of urgency the possibility of using one of the above for this purpose, by Wednesday 5th December. If you require any further information on our central solution then please do not hesitate to contact the Technology Strategist (Education) on 01243 753664 or email as above.

Best wishes  
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