

**DELIVERING TECHNOLOGY FOR LEARNING** 



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## **C2k Strategic Objectives**

- To provide a world class learning environment
  - populated with relevant resources
- To help develop ICT skills
- To support partnership between home and school
- To place the learner at the centre of classroom practice
- To embed technology in teaching
- To lay foundation for life-long learning
- To support curricular reform

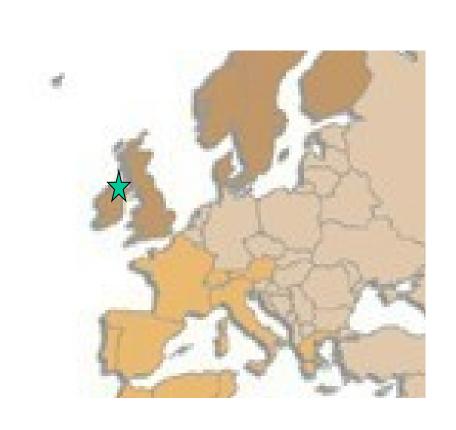


# **Today's Presentation**

- Introduction / background
- ICT provision in N. Ireland's schools in 1999
- ICT provision in N. Ireland's schools today
- Getting to where we are
  - The journey of the last 5 years
- The Future
- Northern Ireland ??



#### **Northern Ireland**





#### **Northern Ireland Statistics**

- Population 1.6M
- 330,000+ school children
- 5 Educational administrative regions (ELBs)
- 910 Primary Schools (4-11 years)
- 230 Post-primary Schools (11-18 years)
- 50 Special Schools (4-16 years)

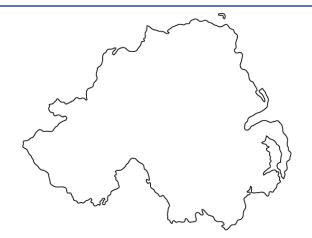




#### **Northern Ireland's Schools**

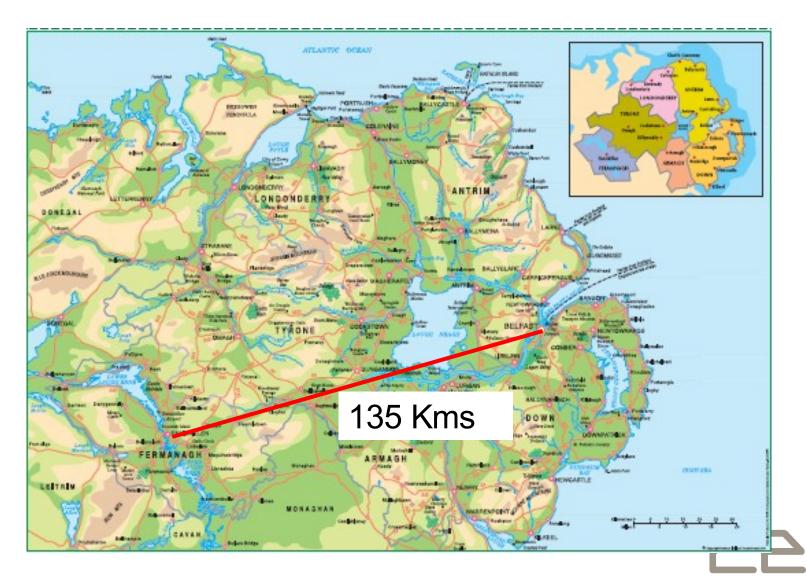
- Controlled (State)
- Maintained (Roman Catholic)
- Integrated (All religions)
- Irish Medium

- Secondary Schools
  - Selective (Grammar)
  - Non-selective





#### N. Ireland - Administration



#### C2k

- C2k
  - Regional: one Management Board
  - 5 Centres: local teams / local knowledge
  - Supports <u>all</u> schools
- Teachers are teachers: not technicians
- Heads/Deputies are educationalists: not software experts
- All children have a right to education
  - In 21<sup>st</sup> Century, all children have a right to ICT



#### ICT in N. Ireland's schools in 1999

- Some using computers for 20 years
- Some computer suites

- Small number Internet by dial-up
- Small number technician help

- Many use negligible
- Some
- Standalones
- None
- Most no Internet access
  - Most no school-based help

Variety of workstations – type and specification Unreliability

Seniors managers lacking in confidence

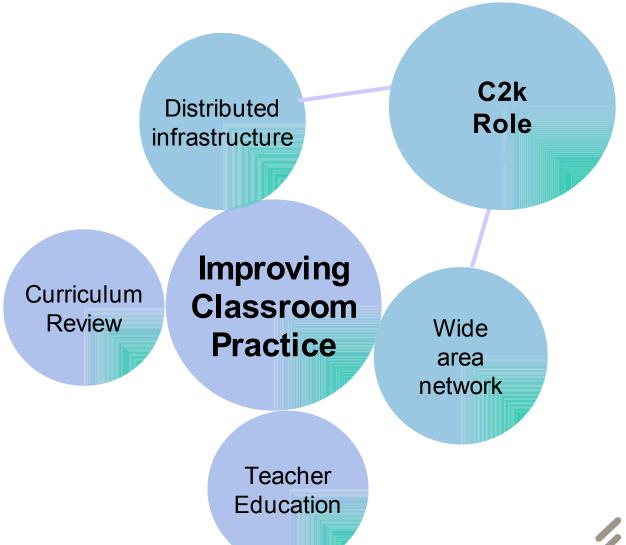


# **Motivation for Change**

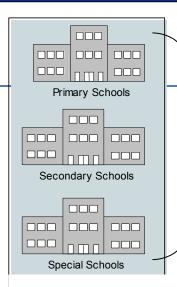




# **Strategy/Policy**







#### N. Ireland's schools in 2006

Local Area Network (LAN) in every school



#### **Curriculum Software**

French

**Special Needs** 

**Art & Design** 

German

**Business Studies** 

Music

**Careers** 

**Physical Education** 

**English** 

Citizenship

**Geography** 

Religious Education

History

**Physics** 

**Information Studies** 

Chemistry

**Irish** 

**Biology** 

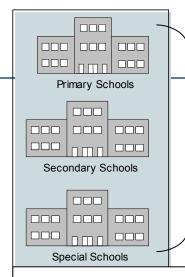
**Home Economics** 

**Information Studies** 

**Mathematics** 

**Technology** 

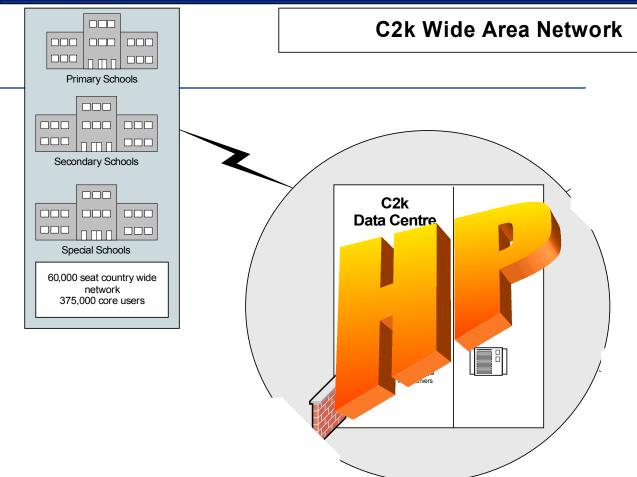




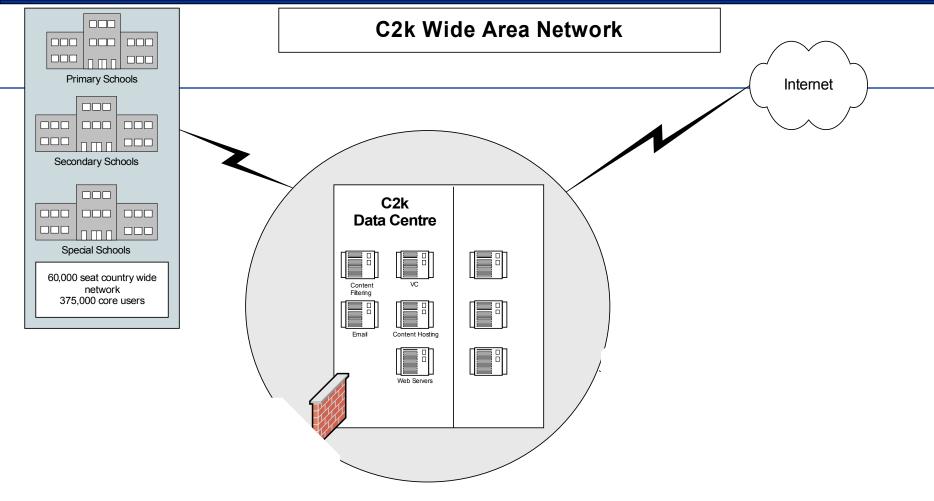
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80,000 seat country-wide network: 375,000 users

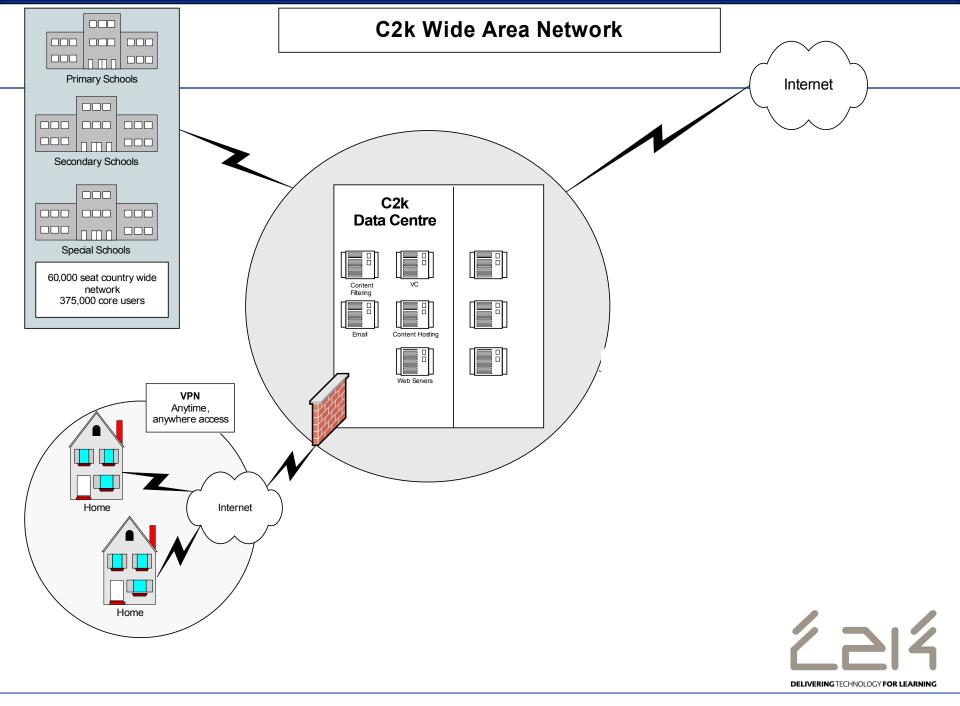


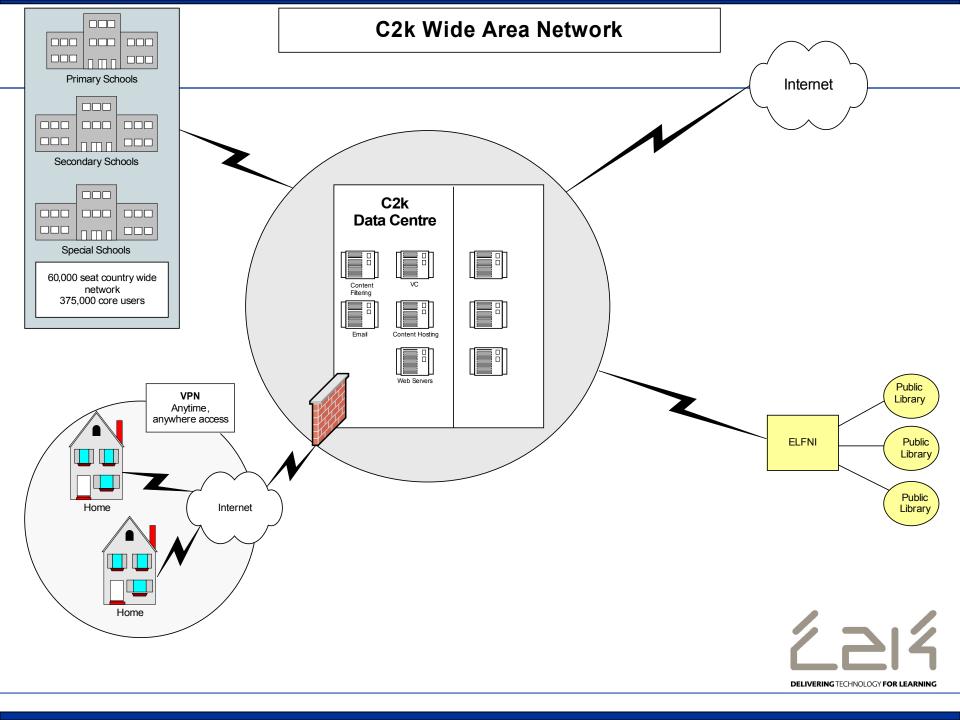


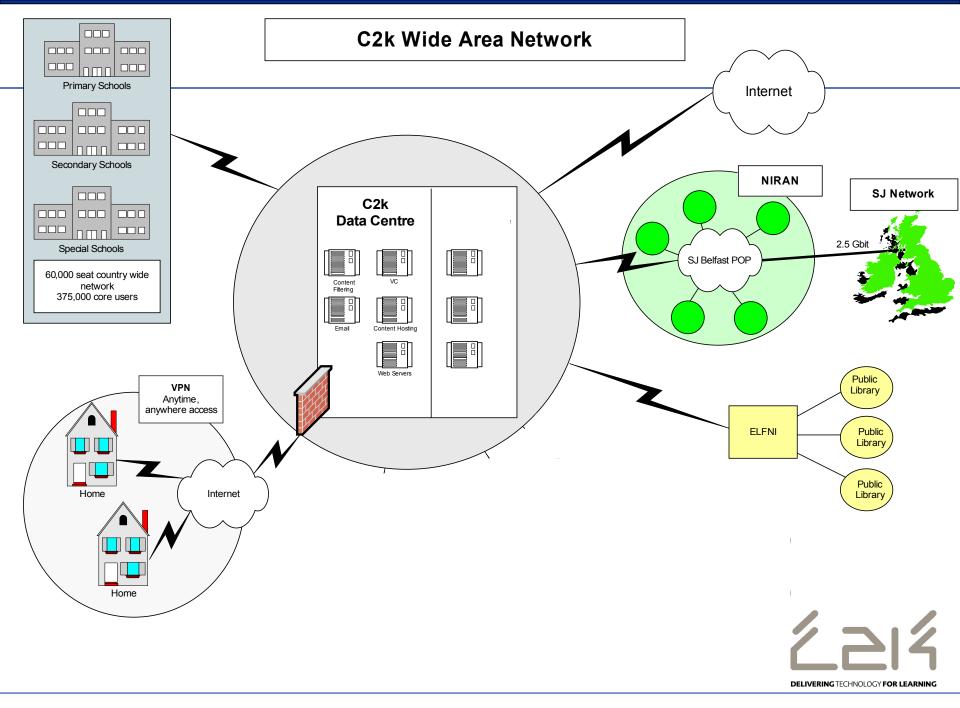


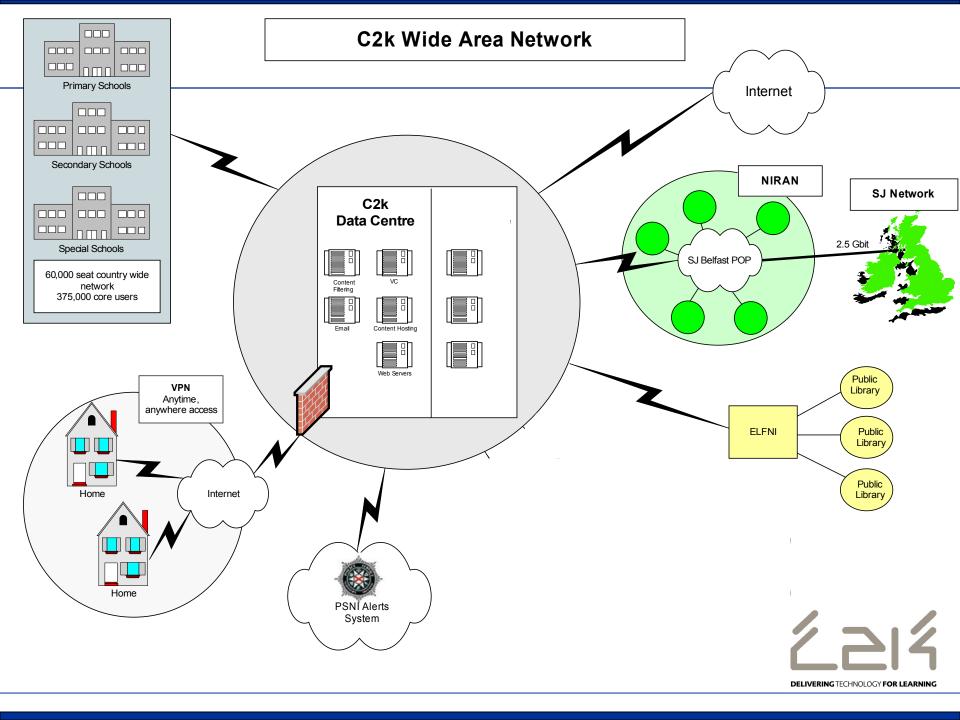






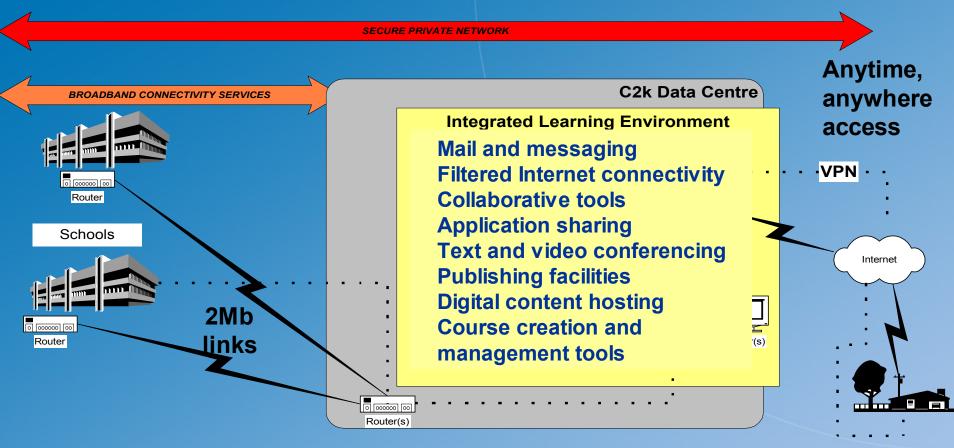






#### The C2k Provision

#### **Across the country - LearningNI**



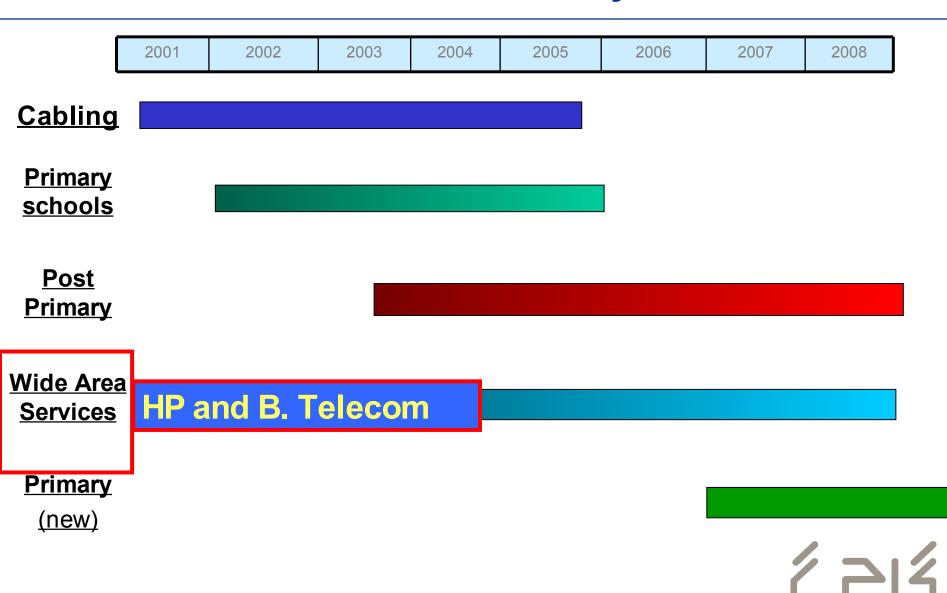
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# Getting to where we are The journey of the last 5 years



# The C2k Journey



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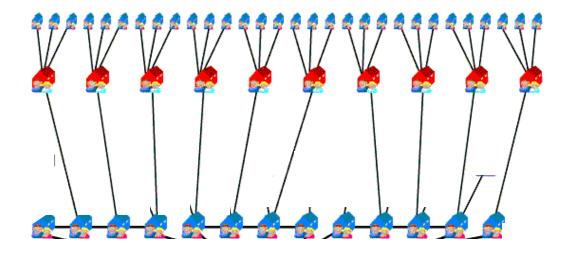
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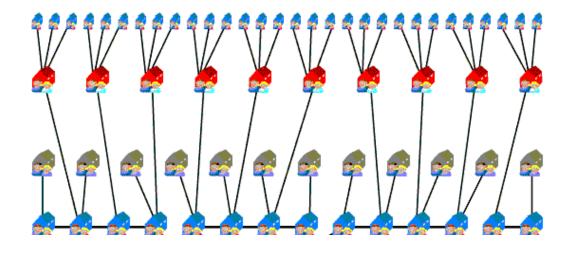




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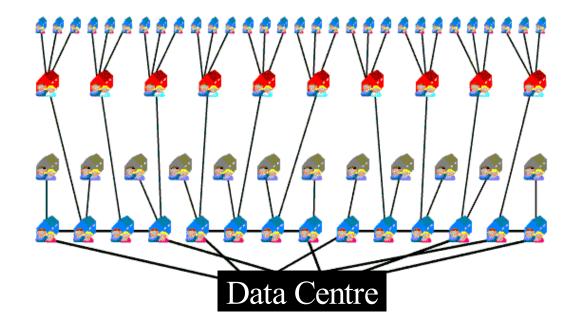


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#### **The Future**



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- eLearning
  - enhancing practice for learners
  - enhancing professional practice for teachers and leaders
  - enhancing professional support services



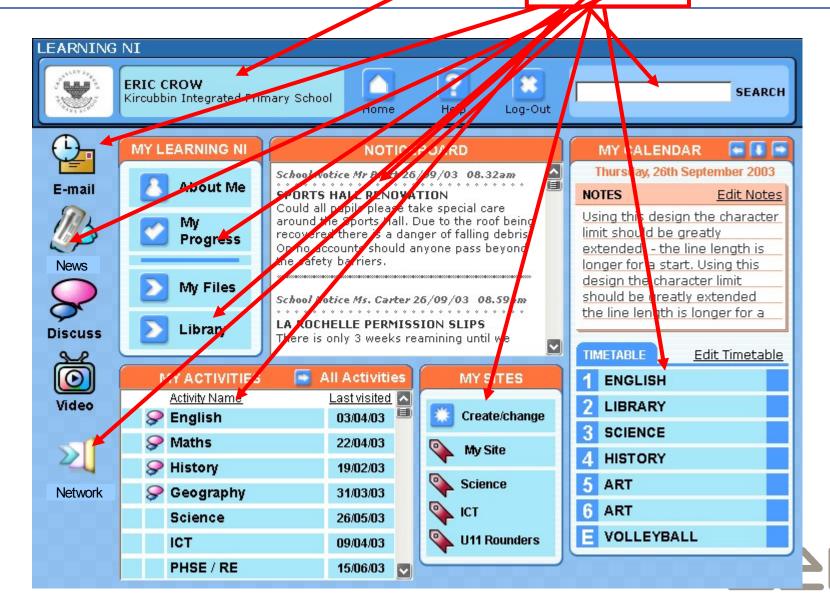


#### **LearningNI**

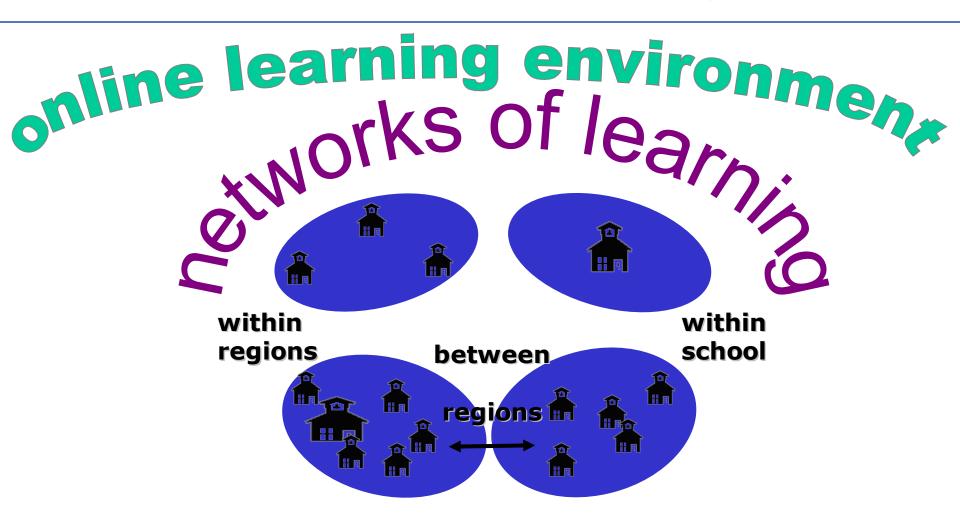
- New, online learning environment
  - Contracted by C2k
  - Built and maintained by hp
  - Content
    - Licensed from publishers
      - Adapted for N. Ireland
    - Provided locally
      - Schools, teachers, advisers, librarians, examiners
  - Safe, secure environment



# Lear C R News t Is



#### The potential of online learning



1200 schools across 5 regions



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