

# SSSAB Newsletter

## Solihull Schools' Strategic Accountability Board

### NAHT Stress Survey

Ben Taylor provided feedback on the survey. The NAHT had written to Chairs of Governors asking them to consider the impact of stress and consider performance management and supporting the emotional health and well-being of headteachers. It was felt that a tool-kit would be useful to help Chairs of Governors provide support through signposting help and the following websites were suggested:

- <https://www.mentalhealthatwork.org.uk/>
- <https://www.annafreud.org/what-we-do/schools-in-mind/resources-for-schools/supporting-staff-wellbeing-in-schools/>
- <https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/staff-mental-health-and-wellbeing/?page=1>
- <http://www.hse.gov.uk/gohomehealthy/assets/docs/EducationTalkingToolkit.pdf>

There will be a training session for governors on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 called 'Mentally Healthy Schools - the Role of Governors'. Further details and publicity to follow.

### Nursery Admissions

Lois Brough and Ann Pearson explained that the plan is for schools to take on their own nursery admissions from September 2020. Lois and Ann responded to queries and would report back to the EYFS Work Group and then write to all schools.



### Anaphylaxis

Guidance was requested about the shortage of epi-pens and this was subsequently sent via the Headlines email.

### Monitoring Statement

**Heads' Partnership Funds** - It was agreed not to request contributions from schools this year. A free place at Heads' Conference would be offered to every school that contributed last year and the remaining money would fund Heads' Partnership meetings and the 2019 Deputy Heads' Conference.

**SSSAB Funding** - It was agreed that SSSAB will consider funding the following in 2018-19:

- Leadership programme with Cambridge Education.
- SMILE resources and possibly training.

SSSAB will continue to reimburse schools for staff attending Maths/English Forums and carrying out peer reviews.

### Year Six Transition

- A potential set date for a Year Six Transition Day would be raised at a Fair Access meeting .
- Collaboratives were asked to feedback about the draft transition guide for secondary transfer.

### LA Update

- Engage is reshaping how the LA obtains and reports on the impact and number of families engaged with through 'Stronger Families'.
- The third round of bids for School Improvement Funding had been unsuccessful and further feedback was being sought.

### HRBQ Data

Natasha Chamberlain gave an update on school health related data.

School nurse data should be with schools soon and data from the National Child Measurement Programme should be available around April 2019.

### Locality Plan

Alison McGrory gave an update on the LA's Locality Plan and responded to questions.

### Snow Closures

A letter would be sent to schools clarifying that collaboratives or individual schools would make their own decisions about whether to close schools in the event of snowy weather. Phil Leivers should be informed of such a decision, however, any decision/request by Highways or the Police would overrule this.



### School Funding

David Lewis explained what the top slice from school budgets is used for. The issue, however, for schools was transparency and Phil Leivers offered to follow up re making reports as clear as possible and whether any work had been done to benchmark against other LAs.

### Peer to Peer Reviews

Presentations were given by two external consultants about challenge and support processes they could offer.