

REPORT BY SSSAB FOR PRESENTATION AT THE FORUM MEETING HELD ON 9th JULY 2019

Date of SSSAB meeting: Wednesday 22nd May 2019

Items discussed (brief summary of key items):

Matters Arising

- Helen Youngman had been booked for June Heads' Partnership. Two places would be offered per school.
- There was a discussion about difficulties completing the safeguarding audit, due by the end of June 2019.
- The school bursar at Greswold Primary School had agreed to take on SSSAB finances.
- Des Ricketts would replace Lynne Russell as North Solihull representative following her retirement.
- A reminder would be sent via Headlines with a link to information from English Forum and Maths Forum.
- It was agreed to continue with the current practice of schools generating their own message template to parents in the event of a full lock down situation.
- MHFA Training for Governors would take place in August.

LA Update

- A meeting had taken place with potential sponsors of the new Special Free School.
- The LA is trying to open more Additional Resource Provision and discussions had taken place to locate space that could be used immediately.
- Phil Leivers had met with Solihull Muslim Community Association about the draft DfE relationships guidance.
- Phil Leivers would be attending a meeting about reducing knife crime in the borough - the main concern in Solihull is whether young people are being used to carry weapons. SSSAB felt it would be useful for schools to receive more localised information relative to Solihull.
- A meeting with a senior Ofsted inspector flagged no concerns but a couple of complaints had involved HMI.
- SSSAB raised concerns about the impact of difficulties between curriculum and outcomes. It was agreed to progress this next academic year.

Update – Mobile Device Policy

SSSAB approved new guidance for writing a mobile device policy for school staff.

School Policies for Consultation with Headteachers

SSSAB gave feedback on the Schools Employee Health & Wellbeing Policy and agreed that the Carers Policy / Carer's Agreement could be offered to schools as a choice but should not be mandatory.

Pre Key Stage Standards and Development Wall

Amanda Mordey had worked with other special schools to develop a process that breaks learning in to chunks for children with SEND. SSSAB agreed to pay a fee to allow every school in the borough access to the materials.

SSSAB Strategic Plan 2018-2019

Progress had been made in all four priorities. Priorities for 2019-2020 will be discussed at the next meeting.

Forum Report

There was a discussion about the High Needs Funding Report and David Lewis was asked to establish whether academies and free schools would benefit from any additional funding that might become available.

Monitoring Statement – Update

The SSSAB and Partnership monitoring statement had been circulated. It may be possible to offer Heads' Conference as a free event again in 2020.

Future Model for Excluded Pupils or Those at Risk of Exclusion

Michele Sadler gave an update on Auckland Education Centre which officially closes in December 2019. She summarised progress on transitioning the children to alternative provision. There was a discussion about whether the six children due to be placed out of borough (at a cost per pupil of £50,000 plus transport) could be educated in Solihull but it had already been established that Solihull was not in a position to provide suitable provision until the ASD Free School was established.

A fair access protocol was being developed to bring transparency across the admissions system and within that a placement panel would be established for primary schools. A task and finish group was set up to progress this.

Feedback from Working Groups

Feedback from Ed SEND and quotes for future Heads' Partnership meetings were shared.

Part-Time Timetables

SSSAB were asked to encourage schools in their collaboratives to complete paperwork relating to part-time timetables. It was suggested that schools should be asked to submit a nil return and it was felt that clarity is needed around when they need to be reported.