

# SSSAB Newsletter

## Solihull Schools' Strategic Accountability Board

### Alternative Provision - Update

- Click here for the [new Alternative Provision website](#).
- Click here for the [new Quality Assurance Framework](#).

### Funding Update

SSSAB discussed the proposal to remove a top-slice off the schools block budget in order to address a potential overspend at the end of 2019-20. It was agreed to hold an Extraordinary SSSAB meeting focussing on SEND funding on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This will give SSSAB the opportunity to articulate their feedback to Schools Forum in October.

### Inclusion Charter

The draft Inclusion Charter was shared with SSSAB and members gave their feedback.

### Safeguarding Update

- The DfE's statutory guidance on '[Keeping children safe in education](#)' had been revised.
- DSL days are at Sans Souci on 30<sup>th</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 with a further date to be confirmed.
- The Governor's Safeguarding Conference is at 6pm, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Solihull School.
- There was a discussion about the safeguarding audit.
- Collaboratives were encouraged to ensure a representative attends the safeguarding sub group .
- It is really important that heads disseminate information to all DSLs.
- Audits for the LSCB will take place in the autumn term.
- Work continues on the single central record and there will be visual checks for all schools by the end of the autumn term.

- [Maths forum](#) and [English forum](#) pages are on Solgrid.
- A further training session on headteacher well-being is planned for Chairs of Governors .
- Information about pre-key stage standards & development wall will be shared via the SSSAB extranet page. A link will be sent via Headlines.
- SSSAB priorities for 2019-2020 include moderation and curriculum.
- The SMILE project is coming to the end of the first year of a two year project and SSSAB has agreed to enable all schools in Solihull to have access to the resources once the project is complete.

### Email Security

There have been an increasing number of threats against email accounts. Staff currently have single factor authentication (username/password) which can be relatively easily targeted and compromised by criminals. MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication) was explained whereby the system requests additional authentication from the user before granting access. More detailed information will be sent to schools outlining their options.

### Troubled Families

The Troubled Families Co-ordinator outlined the background behind a request for support from schools in order to maximise funding for the current phase and to ensure it continues in the future. A new referral form and key areas identifier were circulated. The referral form needs to be submitted to the local authority as soon as possible and then on an on-going basis.

### Local Authority Update

- The number of schools in RI or becoming RI is prompting the LA to reconsider how the School Improvement Strategy can be developed to target those schools. Advisers will focus on schools that need support most.
- An engagement event had taken place for prospective sponsors of the new special Free School for ASD.
- From September 2019 there will be a joint targeted area inspection where the local authority, Police, Health, etc are all inspected at the same time.
- Work is taking place in preparation for an expected inspection of Childrens' Services.



### Update from Councillor Ken Meeson

- Hazel Oak sixth form is moving to Solihull College.
- Discussions have been taking place with Ofsted about the 'strengthening families' programme.
- A consultation is taking place around proposals to expand St Augustine's Catholic Primary School.
- Cllr Meeson is a member of the governing board for the Music Service & they are looking at reconstituting. Please direct any concerns/suggestions on how the service operates to the Head of Music Service.

### NAHT Update

- Union officials were elected at the AGM.
- A questionnaire will be sent to schools in September about what local union members want from the Solihull branch.

