

REPORT BY SSSAB FOR PRESENTATION AT THE FORUM MEETING HELD ON 12th JULY 2021

Date of SSSAB meeting: Tuesday 29th June 2021

Items discussed (brief summary of key items):

Update from the Assistant Director – Children, Young People & Families

Frank McSheffrey gave an update about the Ofsted focused visit from which they received really positive feedback. He also updated the group about the strengthening families and protecting children programme which is being undertaken with Leeds.

LA Update

Tim Browne made the following points:

- Schools were thanked for their feedback to the Reshaping Education document. Interviews were taking place and details will be shared as soon as possible, and prior to September.
- There had been a huge increase in Covid outbreaks across the borough and the LA is working to support schools.
- A bid for more resource for SEND had been successful.
- Decision taken by Cabinet Member to use the former Castle Bromwich Youth Centre as the new site for 6th day provision for secondary aged children. However, the opposition had called it in so this cannot proceed until they have met on 13th July.
- They are looking at the primary offer for six-day provision and a broader range of packages for primary children. They are expecting work to take place in the Autumn with implementation in Spring 2022 for AP strategy.

Clair McNeill made the following points:

- Ofsted will be starting again in September and information would be shared as soon as it comes through.
- School advisers are offering Ofsted conversations and website checks.
- They are considering putting on a session for governors around academisation and options for schools.
- The Early Years Strategy and School Improvement Strategy have been updated and will be circulated.

Future of SSSAB

The following points were proposed to take effect from September 2021:

- SSSAB will revert to the original membership and the viability of the larger group and its structure in terms of membership would be assessed.
- SSSAB meetings would continue to take place online.
- It was being proposed to move to three collaboratives by the end of the next academic year, reflecting the locality teams being established under Reshaping Education in Solihull; this will be for discussion and consultation in the coming months

Monitoring Statement

The latest monitoring statement had been shared with the group. Schools will be asked to contribute £400 each towards Partnership funds to cover the cost of venue/speakers for the academic year 2021-2022.

Partnership/Conference

Details of Heads' Partnership, Heads' Conference and Deputy Heads' Conference had been shared with the group and SSSAB agreed an outline agenda for the extra Heads' Partnership meeting on 30th September 2021.

Information for schools re LA offer

SSSAB was asked to provide feedback on the Solgrid website and ways it could be improved. SSSAB was asked to obtain further input from their collaboratives.

HR Update

- There was a discussion about inconsistencies between information provided in training and the Safer Recruitment Policy in terms of obtaining references for potential new employees. SSSAB agreed that there needs to be consistency across all schools and Andrea Ashley agreed to provide guidance and training.
- Sarah Treneer gave an update on the Well-Being Strategy and requested feedback from schools.

Updates and Information

Updates and information were shared from the following:

- Ed SEND
- Forum
- Corporate Health and Safety Board
- NAHT
- Maths Forum
- Commonwealth Games 2022