

Southend Education Board
School Performance Sub Group (SPSG) Agenda
11th May 2021 at 2pm

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Terms of Reference

- To advise Council/Cabinet and subsequently own a School Performance Strategy for Southend.
- To implement the School Performance Strategy in order to improve performance in all schools.
- To work with schools to periodically collect and analyse performance data (subject to data sharing protocol and agreement on high level data dashboard KPIs).
- To advise Council/Cabinet on the appropriateness of future priorities, targets and measures used to determine progress.
- To advise, monitor and challenge the commissioned support for schools, including core programmes and specific targeted interventions in order to ensure impact and value for money.
- To ensure that Education Board has the appropriate information about the effectiveness of commissioned support in order to make informed decisions about future expenditure.
- To keep the Regional School Commissioner updated about developments in Southend.

Agenda for the meeting

Agenda Item	Lead	Notes
Welcome and apologies	DW	<p>Members were welcomed to the meeting, and the current vacancies were noted.</p> <p>Action: Vacancies to be discussed at the next Education Board.</p>
Urgent matters requiring update to SPSG	BM	<p>In the preceding week, the Local Authority had received its SEND inspection, focusing mostly on the four areas of the written statement of action. We await the outcome.</p>
Data - review of 'information capture' to support schools and discussion around data (or other) capture to enable this	BM	<p>A letter was sent to all primary schools by the data team requesting information, but it was recognised that the intention was not well communicated. School leaders recognise the value of assessment, but were conscious of the additional workload that tests or assessed tasks (in order to provide a score) would bring and the impact this might have on the curriculum. There were also concerns about the lack of rigour in the process which would make data less reliable.</p> <p>It was agreed that the focus of this request was not accountability, but a commitment to working together and understanding the impact of Covid-19 on learners in Southend. A more rounded question that enables this group to gain qualitative rather than quantitative data was agreed - something that enables the group to understand the barriers to learning in schools and whether there are specific subjects, year groups or pupil groups who have been impacted most significantly.</p> <p>Action: Brin to work with primary colleagues on questions to share with all primary schools in Southend.</p>

Education Recovery	All	<p>Whilst there are not yet specific details from Sir Kevan Collins about recovery, there are three key pillars which he has continued to reference;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teaching quality (all subjects) ● Tutoring (targeted work with pupils) ● Extending the 'school experience' <p>It was agreed that any collective response to education recovery in Southend should have clearly defined and agreed goals, and be co-constructed and owned by all heads and school leaders.</p>
OFSTED restarting	BM	<p>The group noted the restart of Ofsted inspections. Further information is expected from Michelle Winter HMI.</p>
Summer term event planning	AC	<p>Public Health England will communicate with all schools re: guidance for event planning this summer.</p>
Review SPSG annual plan, including date of next meeting	DW	<p>It was agreed that next year there will be a termly meeting, with additional extraordinary meetings as required.</p>
AOB	All	<p>Next meeting 2pm on 12 July 2021 (Venue TBC - we may continue using Microsoft Teams)</p> <p>It was noted that this was the last meeting for Jerry Glazier and Paul Hayman, and there will therefore be additional vacancies on the SPSG. Both were thanked for their time and commitment to the group.</p>