

## POOLE PARENTS' VOICE MEETING NOTES

Feb 2016

This term the following items were covered during the meeting:

### 1. OFSTED framework

Sue Langdon presented an update on the new OFSTED framework which was introduced in Sept 2015. There are substantial changes in the way OFSTED inspect schools, including a new common inspection framework, this means inspecting the right things in the right way, providing comparable and accurate info and delivering timely inspections where there are signs of decline or improvement.

Key messages are the emphasis on impact across all key judgement areas and the important of a broad and balanced curriculum. In judging outcomes the Inspectors will rightly give the most weight to *progress* not attainment, which will take into account the pupils' starting point and age.

More detail is available on the OFSTED website.

### 2. Strategy for Supporting School Improvement

Vicky Wales presented this strategy which was produced following the LA's inspection in June/July 2015. The Local Authority has an obligation to facilitate school improvements across the Borough of Poole to ensure ALL pupils have the chance to achieve their full potential. There are six key priorities;

Improving outcomes for vulnerable learners

Outcomes at KS2

Self-sustaining school to school support

Outcomes at KS4

Council capacity to support school improvement

Recruiting and retaining high quality teachers

The strategy is published on the OFSTED website if you are interested in finding out more.

### 3. SENDIASS Update

Jacky Westmaas provided an update on the Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service, formerly "POPPS".

This service is for parents/carers and children (under 25) with special educational needs and disabilities but also includes children at risk of exclusion or who have been excluded from a Poole school. It is a free and impartial service which is clearly very accessible for users. They can be contacted by phone (01202 261933) or via email [sendiass@poole.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@poole.gov.uk) or you can pop into their centre at 18 Hill Street, Poole, BH15 1NR. All enquiries are treated confidentially.

If you have any questions, suggestions for future agenda items or you would like to attend the meetings as a representative for St. Mary's Catholic Primary School then please get in touch.

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