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horizon briefing

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Council Update

- **Chief Executive** – David Stevens
- Director of Adult Services (DAS) – Stuart Lackenby
- Director of Prevention and Protection – Neil Cox
- **Children’s Trust:** Jane Shuttleworth has now stepped down from all positions. Mark Gurry has been appointed as the Chair of Improvement Board.

Work Experience

Cllr Mustaq Hussain

Has been given a role to look at how we prepare and support young people in to the world of work.



He is interested in:-

The programmes you put together

Resources you use

Links you foster with business

Frequency of activities for young people

He will be writing to all headteachers shortly asking for a meeting with your key staff members who lead on this work.

Public Health: Coronavirus

What you need to know

- Public health are attending regular incident management meetings on the coronavirus outbreak
- A new Q&A information blog is available for the public. We are sharing this via social media.
<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Ofsted Inspections

| | Previous | Now |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------|
| • Abbey Junior | 2 | 2 |
| • Stuart Bathurst | 4 | Effective steps |
| • St Hubert's (MfL) | 1 | 1 |
| • Jubilee Park | 2 | 2 |
| • Hateley Heath | 3 | - |
| • Uplands Manor | 3 | - |
| • Warley Infants | 2 | - |
| • Wodensborough | RI | Effective steps |
| • Lodge | 2 | 2 (Monitoring) |
| • Timbertree | 2 | - |
| • Tividale Hall | 2 | - |

Annual LA meeting with HMI took place on 20th January

School Forum

- **Option A** was agreed by schools – incremental movement over three years by 0.02 ratio
- **Robin Hood policy** to support schools in financial difficulties was rejected but the model where all school contribute was accepted
- **Reduction of a number of hold backs** for SEND/Inclusion teams moved to HNB
- **Expenditure on HNB increased** to match increase in funding – annual overspend has been addressed, top ups returned to previous levels, increase in core team capacity

HMI Meeting: Key areas of focus

Social Care

- Improving practice & impact of social work
- unregistered and unregulated settings

General

- Safeguarding in all settings, including private/voluntary settings
- Early Years – take up rates of 2, 3 and 4 yr old places
- Exclusions in Early Years



HMI Focus: Schools

Unregistered settings: How do we monitor and address this?

Pupil performance: Disparity between pupils' performance at particular key stages, or particular groups of pupils?

Stuck schools: Which are they and what actions are you taking?

Exclusions and absence: Focus on SEND pupils and vulnerable groups. How do we tackle schools where this is an issue?

Post-16 provision: Quality, how do we influence improvement, do we know about 14-16 yr old EHE pupils using the college provisions.



HMI points in the meeting....

- Removal of inspection exemption for 'Outstanding' schools
- Section 5 – increasing to 3 days
- No notice inspections
- MAT evaluations
- Appointing subject leads for focused inspection work
- Tackling unregistered school settings
- Cumulative disfluency
- Stuck schools – thinking differently - want to work with them



Stuck Schools

- Ofsted defines stuck schools as those that have not been judged good or better since September 2006, and have had at least 4 full inspections during that time. Currently, there are 415 schools meeting this criteria.
- You become 'unstuck' when you have two consecutive inspections judging the school to be 'Good'
- Ofsted has issued an **evaluation report** investigating why some schools have improved and others have not.
- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/856088/How_stuck_schools_are_overcoming_isolation_evaluation_report.pdf
- The report finds that we need a system of deeper inspection and better support to improve education for children in these schools.



HMI Offer: 23rd March 2020 (am)

To run an event to hear some of inspection messages from HMI, either later this term or during the summer term.

There are a number of options.

- a one-hour overview of how HMI inspect the curriculum OR one and a half hours on this topic, to include discussion activities. Suitable for all schools.
- a one-hour session about how HMI inspect reading OR one and a half hours on this topic, to include discussion activities. Suitable for primaries.
- around two to two and a half hours, to include a focus on the curriculum, progress, and how we inspect the quality of education. Suitable for all schools.

These inputs are relevant to LA maintained schools and to academies in the area – plus independent schools



New Government & Queen's Speech

- **Minimum per-pupil funding will be levelled-up** – All LAs have to do this from next year as first step to NFF.
- **Teachers' starting pay** will be raised to £30,000 nationally by September 2022.
- The **free schools** programme will be expanded
- **Ofsted inspections** will be strengthened and there will be a consultation on lifting the inspection exemption for outstanding schools.
- Further investment in **primary school PE teaching** has been promised.
- **£400 million for 16-19 year-old education next year**, alongside additional investment in T Levels
- A '**National Skills Fund**' (£3 billion) set up and £1.8 billion for FE.
- **20 Institutes of Technology** will be established across England
- **£1 billion fund to help create more high quality, affordable childcare**

What's *possibly* next?

- National Funding Formula
- Expansion of free school programme
- Reviewing of MAT effectiveness
- Focus on viability of stand alone academies
- Focus on 'stuck' schools – possible academisation?
- Discussions with existing high performing MATs around local solutions





RSC & Mr Gibb MP – 13th February

- Convening a series of roundtable meetings with local authorities across the country, to discuss their approaches to supporting maintained schools to deliver high standards of education. Our invitation states.....
- *The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and understand the performance of maintained schools in your area, using data as a starting point to identify any that may be underperforming, and how you are working with these maintained schools to explore ways to offer them the best support*
- *Please also note that the Minister is taking a similar interest in academies and free schools across the country*



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