

# SESLIP

## South East Children Missing Education Group

### Notes: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Attending: Brian Pope (Hants), Neil Stevenson (Portsmouth), Debbie Bell (Oxfordshire), Mark Keiller (Surrey), Melissa Perry (Wokingham), Simon Sims (Milton Keynes), Hilary Alford and Paul Manning (Kent), Gill Dunlop (Reading), Jon Wilcocks and Dave Harvey (Hants), Beth Armstrong (E Sussex), Linda Curtis (W Berks), Rosie Gossage and Claire Raffaelli (RBWM), Andrew Parker (W Sussex), Farah Malik (Slough), Gavin Thomas (B&H), James Fowler (Bucks), Katy Daly (Bracknell), Chris Owen (SESLIP).

Apologies: Mike Stoneman (Portsmouth), Christine Clarke (Medway).

	Item	Actions
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; introductions</b>	
2.	<p><b>Notes of last meeting and matters arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notes from the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were formally reviewed and confirmed as accurate.</li> <li>Data dashboard: James and Simon will contact Daryl.</li> <li>NS updated the group about the latest developments with the judicial review Portsmouth are facing.</li> </ul>	JF, SS
3.	<p><b>Development activities.</b></p> <p>IYFAP report, the flexischool report and draft model policy were all well-received by DCSs when shared with the SE DCS group by Mike. There was support for change to the Admissions Code for more powers for LAs to direct academies, DCSs recognised this is against the direction of travel in the DfE.</p> <p>Draft EHE model policy will be worked on further once anticipated changes to guidance are made by the DfE.</p> <p>GT and CO will meet about progressing the medical needs audit.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GT and CO to meet</li> </ul>	GT, CO
4.	<p><b>SESLIP-related FOIs</b></p> <p>CO summarised the FOIs received by SESLIP and by all LAs in the South-east. Discussion followed about approaches being taken to respond to the request by the deadline.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Proposed activities Building Back Better funding</b></p> <p>CO talked to the proposal that had been submitted as a bid according to the scope of the DfE's regional BBB fund. Time had been tight, which limited the opportunity for consultation with the CME group. It is anticipated that the DfE will respond with decisions in October.</p> <p>Response was positive to the scope of the bid.</p> <p>Actions:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item at the November meeting about the DfE decision and, if granted, then how to progress proposals to deploy the funding.</li> <li>• GD to share Reading procedures for liaison and review should the LA be informed a child with an EHCP is deregistered.</li> </ul>	<p>ALL</p> <p>GD</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>How the autumn term has started</b></p> <p>Largely encouraging start to term. An even split between LAs that are finding EHE numbers increasing or those where numbers are remaining about the same.</p> <p>Penalty notices: strategy for most families is to support, but a few are proceeding to penalty notice when families have a persistent record of non-attendance over a number of years (prior to pandemic).</p>	<p>CO</p>
	<p><b>Dates of future meetings</b></p> <p><u>4th November, 2pm</u></p> <p><u>19th January, 10am</u></p> <p>Via MS Teams</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>