



**EDUCATION AND SKILLS DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING FOR CHAIRS  
AND VICE-CHAIRS OF GOVERNORS  
NOTES OF THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2016  
AT BEST HUB, LONDON NW9**

**In attendance**

Beverley Anderson	ST JOHN'S N11 CE PRIMARY
Katalin Aradi	MARTIN PRIMARY
Kim Archer	ST ANDREWS / WREN ACADEMY
John Bowra	CHRIST'S COLLEGE
Claudia Clayman	OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Georgia Cocks	SUNNYFIELDS
Andrew Cohen	BEIS YAAKOV
David Drimer	BROADFIELDS ACADEMY
Dr Ibrahim Dustagheer	FAIRWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE
Lynne Evans	ST JOHN'S CE PRIMARY
David Fox	THE SQUIRES LANE LEARNING FEDERATION
Sheila Franks	COLINDALE
Miriam Gopaul	COPPETTS WOOD
Rosemary Gwilliam	MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY
Imogen Hall	ST JOHN'S CE PRIMARY
Andrew Harper	CLAREMONT
Jane Harris	GARDEN SUBURB JUNIOR AND INFANT
Keith Hill	WOODRIDGE PRIMARY
Ivan Hilton	MENORAH HIGH
David Holt	OSIDGE
Paul Hoskins	CHILDS HILL
Jonathan Huddleston	FOULDS
Barbara Hughes	MOSS HALL JUNIOR
Oliver Jones	FRITH MANOR
Caroline Kendal	THE HENRIETTA BARNETT
Fiona Kerin	OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Wendy Kravetz	FRITH MANOR PRIMARY
Helen Lederman	OAK LODGE
Mark Leibling	BROOKLAND JUNIOR AND INFANT
Stuart Lester	SUMMERSIDE PRIMARY, THE HYDE ACADEMY
David Lobley	MARTIN
Aaron Livingston	MATHILDA MARKS-KENNEDY
Lesley Ludlow	MOSS HALL INFANT
Bruce McGill	COPPETTS WOOD
Helen Newman	ST JOHN'S N11
Paul Olumwamayowa	EDGWARE PRIMARY
Yiannis Pareas	ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE SECONDARY
Revd Gregory Platten	All Saints N20

Kim Politzer	MOSS HALL JUNIOR
Lia Pottinger	COURTLAND
Prettyvi Rawoo	WATLING PARK
Mike Roberts	ST PAUL'S CE PRIMARY
Simone Roberts	MONKFRITH PRIMARY
Nick Salt	CHURCH HILL SCHOOL
Tracy Simmons	SUNNYFIELDS PRIMARY
Jill Summers	WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY
Michael Veal	BISHOP DOUGLASS CATHOLIC HIGH
Francoise Wagneur	GARDEN SUBURB JUNIOR & INFANT
Peter White	BRUNSWICK PARK PRIMARY
Jonathan Wolinsky	MENORAH PRIMARY
Ann Woodhall	FRIERN BARNET
Sheila Bennett	GOVERNOR SERVICES
Janet Robinson	GOVERNOR SERVICES
Amira Nassr	GOVERNOR SERVICES
Kam Varma	GOVERNOR SERVICES

### **Apologies**

Jeremy Alford	ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY (EN4)
Katie Attwood	BROOKLAND JUNIOR AND INFANT
Paul Bird	ST JOHN'S CE PRIMARY
Hilary Chamberlain	QUEEN ELIZABETH GIRLS'
Stephen Clayman	JCOSS
Liz Court	WOODCROFT
Wai-Yee Crees	DOLLIS INFANT
Pauline Dore Newton	BARNET EARLY YEARS ALLIANCE
Euan Durston	ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY EN4
Sylvia Duthie	WREN ACADEMY
Sally Gentle	LIVINGSTONE PRIMARY
Adele Greaves	CHRIST CHURCH
Timothy Guilford	QUEENSWELL JUNIOR
Veronica Haidar	ALL SAINTS N20
John Hickman	BELL LANE PRIMARY
Caroline Korniczky	NORTHWAY
Janet Leigh	TOTTERIDGE ACADEMY
Alison Munday	MARTIN PRIMARY
Anne O'Shea	ANNUNCIATION JUNIOR SCHOOL
Nick Parker	WOODRIDGE
Valji Patel	BARNFIELD PRIMARY
Liz Pearson	HOLLY PARK PRIMARY and THE BARNET EARLY YEARS ALLIANCE
Matthew Pearlman	MENORAH FOUNDATION
The Revd. Dr Thomas Renz	MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Cllr Brian Salinger	MOSS HALL NURSERY and PAVILION
Jenny Sidnick	GRASVENOR AVENUE INFANT
Edwin Strauss	BARNFIELD PRIMARY
Nigel Taylor	WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY
Bromwen Tumani	FOULDS

Fiona Vettiankal	HOLLY PARK
Jan Williams	WHITEFIELD
Philip Wright	COURTLAND
Keith Golding	GOVERNOR SERVICES
Caroline Winston	GOVERNOR SERVICES
George Peradigou	GOVERNOR SERVICES

## **1. WELCOME**

Ian Harrison, Education and Skills Director, welcomed Chairs and Vice Chairs to the meeting.

## **2. UNIFIED REWARD UPDATE**

Deborah Shaw, Senior Employee Relations Advisor, gave a presentation (attached).

## **3. EDUCATION WHITE PAPER**

Ian Harrison, Education and Skills Director, gave an update on the Education White Paper and its implications.

He stated that the overall direction of the academies programme agenda had not changed and that Barnet schools remain in a strong position to determine the shape and timescale for developments locally. He stated that Barnet's message to Local Authority maintained schools was to continue to consider contingency plans with regard to academy conversion and to continue to work within Barnet school improvement partnerships.

In response to a question, Ian Harrison stated that the Local Authority favoured a governance model that best suited the needs of each school and would support each school in considering the options available. It was noted that the Department for Education (DfE) would publish guidance and a recommended approach to Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs).

Governors were invited to attend the Chairs' and Vice-Chairs' Discussion Forum on Tuesday 7 June 2016 at 7pm, which would focus on the Education White Paper and its implications, including academisation.

## **4. SUPPORT IN SAFEGUARDING AND EXCLUSIONS**

Jane Morris, School Safeguarding and Exclusions Officer, talked about her new role in supporting schools in safeguarding. She urged Governors to attend training.

It was advised that the service would offer an event to schools in Autumn 2016 to share good practice learnt from serious case reviews. Designated Safeguarding Leads would also receive a termly newsletter.

## **5. OFSTED EXPERIENCES**

Neil Marlow, Head of School Improvement, drew Governors' attention to the school displays on show at BEST Hub, that included contributions from Coppetts Wood, Garden Suburb, Whitefield, Chalgrove, Wessex Gardens, Holly Park, Akiva, and

Barnfield. He thanked schools represented and invited Governors to invite their schools to contribute to display areas as they became available.

Neil Marlow gave an overview of the number of schools that had been inspected in Barnet under the new OfSTED Inspection framework.

Two Chairs of Governors shared their recent experiences of inspection: Paul Hoskins, Chair of Childs Hill Primary School, and Peter White, Chair of Brunswick Park Primary School.

## **6. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIPS**

Neil Marlow, Head of School Improvement, gave a presentation on Barnet's School Improvement Partnerships (attached). He offered opportunity for Governors, who were seated in groups according to their Barnet School Improvement Partnerships, time to discuss the benefits of working in partnership with other schools.

Activities that had been undertaken across partnerships included:

- Joint training
- Meetings across Partnerships
- Observing Governing Body meetings and practice at other schools
- 'Swapping' Governors to shadow different roles
- Discussing approaches to conducting school visits
- Sharing untainted Governors for hearings

Governors requested that Barnet share Chairs' contact details in order to facilitate initial communication within partnerships. It was agreed that an email would be sent to all Chairs and Vice-Chairs asking for permission to share contact details if requested by other members of the partnership.

*Thank you to all of those who attended!*