

0-19 STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 7 December 2011

Present:

Councillor S Clarke (Chair)

Councillors T Smith

P Williams

Apologies

Councillors Mr A Scott

Mrs N Smith

45 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Members of the Sub Committee were asked to consider whether they had a personal or prejudicial interest in connection with any item on the agenda and, if so, to declare it and to state the nature of the interest.

No such declarations were made.

46 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair agreed to vary the order of business.

47 EARLY YEARS CENTRES AND CHILDREN'S CENTRES OFSTED INSPECTIONS JULY 2011 - OCTOBER 2011.

The members received a summary of the outcome of recent OFSTED inspections of New Brighton Childrens Centre, Ganneys Meadow Childrens Centre and Claughton Childrens Centre. The outcome in the case of New Brighton Childrens Centre was satisfactory with some aspects that were good, Ganneys Meadow Childrens Centre was good and Claughton Childrens Centre was satisfactory in overall effectiveness. Mark Parkinson, Acting Deputy Director (Children's Services) commented upon each report in turn.

Recommended – That the reports be noted.

48 PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN OFSTED CATEGORIES.

Sue Talbot, Strategic Service Manager, Early Years & Primary Education, Learning & Achievement, reported that Castleway Primary School was being inspected the day after this meeting and that the school was well placed and prepared. It was hoped that the school would be out of Special Measures by the end of the week.

Recommended - That the report be noted.

49 PRIMARY SCHOOLS OFSTED INSPECTIONS MAY 2011 - OCTOBER 2011.

Members of the Sub-Committee received a summary of the outcomes of recent OFSTED inspections of primary schools. The various schools had been graded as follows:

Satisfactory Schools

Fender Primary School

Good Schools

Mount Primary School
West Kirby Primary School
St Peters Catholic Primary School
Riverside Primary School
Manor Primary School

Outstanding Schools

Liscard Primary School
St Georges Primary School
Gayton Primary School

Members commented upon each school in turn and Sue Talbot commented upon recent progress at the school. In the case of Manor Primary it was noted that the school was no longer in Special Measures. Sue Talbot further reported upon Woodslee Primary School – the OFSTED monitoring of a Grade 3 school.

Members commented that it was a matter of concern that some Secondary schools reported that children were coming into Year 7 with poor literacy skills. Members agreed that it would be useful for Secondary Headteachers to visit Primary Schools and that it would be useful for a Scrutiny Review to be set up with a focus on what work is undertaken in Year 7.

Recommended – That the reports be noted.

50 **SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN OFSTED CATEGORIES**

Stuart Bellerby, Strategic Service Manager – Secondary Education and Lifelong Learning Children and Young People's Department, reported that there were no Secondary Schools reported in OFSTED categories.

51 **SECONDARY SCHOOL OFSTED INSPECTIONS JULY 2011 - OCTOBER 2011.**

Stuart Bellerby, Strategic Service Manager – Secondary Education and Lifelong Learning Children and Young People's Department reported upon Wallasey School which had been inspected in October 2011. He noted the main findings of the inspection and reported that the overall effectiveness of the school was satisfactory. Mark Parkinson commented on the report and noted that the team would be supporting the school. Stuart Bellerby also reported upon Hilbre High School which had been inspected in October 2011. He noted the main findings of the inspection and reported that the overall effectiveness of the school was satisfactory. Mark Parkinson commented on the report and noted that the school would be receiving a monitoring visit.

Recommended – That the reports be noted.

52 **SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN OFSTED CATEGORIES**

Mark Parkinson, Acting Deputy Director (Children's Services), reported that there were no special schools in OFSTED categories.

53 **SPECIAL SCHOOLS OFSTED INSPECTIONS JULY 2011 - OCTOBER 2011.**

Mark Parkinson, Acting Deputy Director (Children's Services) reported upon Wirral Hospitals School and Home Education Service Community Base which had been inspected in November, 2011. He noted the main findings of the inspection and reported that the overall effectiveness of the school was good. He further highlighted the positive comments in the report and also noted the positive comments from parents.

Recommended – That the report be noted.

54 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Recommended – That the next meeting of the 0-19 School Standards Sub-Committee be held on Tuesday 13 March, 2012.