

# SCHOOL STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 25 November 2009

Present: Councillor S Clarke (Chair)  
Councillors T Smith  
A Taylor (In place of F Doyle)  
M Liddy (Diocesan Representative)

Apologies J Kearney M Clarke

## 23 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The members of the 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.

## 24 PRIMARY SCHOOLS OFSTED INSPECTIONS - JUNE - OCTOBER 2009

The members received a summary of the outcomes of recent Ofsted inspections of Primary Schools. The various schools had been graded as follows:-

### Special Measures Schools

Manor Primary School

### Good Schools

St Peters Catholic Primary School

### Outstanding Schools

Orrets Meadow School

Marie Lawrence described the various actions taken in support of Manor Primary, the school in special measures. She noted that the school had not yet had its first monitoring visit and that a report would be out shortly. Other schools had been inspected but reports had not yet been published. This term, owing to the new Ofsted framework, members of the Primary Team had been very active in supporting schools leading up to their inspections, even in their own time. This included meeting with senior leaders late into the evening and weekends. Marie Lawrence wanted to acknowledge the dedication of the team.

### **Resolved –**

**(1) That the reports be noted and the Sub-Committee records its appreciation of the hard work being undertaken.**

**(2) That the Sub-Committee records its congratulations in respect of an outstanding Ofsted in the case of Orrets Meadow and that a letter be sent to the recently retired Headteacher – Sandra Blythe noting the thanks of the Sub-Committee for all her hard work.**

**25 SECONDARY SCHOOL OFSTED INSPECTIONS MAY - OCTOBER 2009**

The members received a summary of the outcomes of recent Ofsted inspections of Secondary schools.

The schools had been graded as follows:

Good Schools

South Wirral High School

The Mosslands School

Satisfactory Schools

Pensby High School for Boys

Foxfield School

Mark Parkinson remarked upon the various actions taken in support of the schools, where necessary.

**Resolved –**

**(1) That the reports be noted and that the Sub-Committee record its congratulations to both South Wirral High and Mosslands schools.**

**(2) That the Sub-Committee notes the good progress made at Pensby High School for Boys and looks forward to future progress.**

**(3) That the Sub-Committee thank Foxfield for the excellent work undertaken at the school.**

**26 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Sub-Committee discussed the suggestion that future meetings be held once per term.

**Resolved – That the next meeting of the School Standards Sub-Committee be held on Tuesday 23 March 2010.**

**27 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS - SCHOOLS IN OFSTED CATEGORIES**

The Sub-Committee was asked to note that there was nothing further to report other than that reported under minute 24.

28 **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS - NATIONAL CHALLENGE INITIATIVE**

Mark Parkinson provided further details of Wirral's National Challenge Programme. The Programme was aimed at ensuring that at least 30% of pupils in every Secondary school achieved at least 5 A\*-C grades, including English and Maths, at GCSE by 2011. The Local Authority, working with the schools, had drawn up detailed plans to ensure that, by 2011, no Wirral school would be in the National Challenge Category. It was reported that 4 out of the 6 schools identified remained at just below the floor target. It was reported that all 6 schools had a trajectory to be above the floor target by August 2011.

**Resolved – That the National Challenge report be noted.**

29 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair referred to the suggestion that the name of the School Standards Sub-Committee be changed to reflect the range of schools discussed including Sure Start Centres.

**Resolved – That the proposed change of name from School Standards Sub-Committee to 0-19 Standards Sub-Committee be referred to the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**