

Report from the Schools Forum SEN Working Group

Purpose of report

1. To report on the meeting of the Schools Forum SEN Working Group held on 22nd September 2010.

Main considerations for School Forum

2. The draft minutes of the meeting are attached at Appendix 1.
3. The SEN working Group makes the following recommendations to Schools Forum:

4. *Key Stage 2 Attainment Data*

Key Stage 2 attainment data is used as a driver for the allocation of funding to Secondary Schools for SEN. 8 primary schools in Wiltshire boycotted the KS2 SATS in 2010 and therefore it is recommended:

- a. That teacher assessment data is used for these 8 schools.
- b. That an explanatory note is included in the information sent out with schools budget information for 2011/12.

5. *SEN Review – Further Delegation to Primary Schools*

The group considered the report and recommendations from the working group of Head Teachers who had developed proposals for further delegation of SEN funding to primary schools.

- a. The proposals within the report should be recommended to Schools Forum;
- b. That any implications for the applications of the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) from the implementation of these formula changes will need to be considered once the detail of the MFG rules is known for 2011/12.

6. *School Funding Consultation 2011-12: Introducing a Pupil Premium*

The group considered the consultation on schools funding issued by the Department for Education (DfE), and focussed their discussion on the measures of deprivation given as options for the basis of allocating the proposed pupil premium.

- a. That Mosaic data be the preferred method for allocation because this is already well used and understood within Wiltshire Schools.

- b. That if a measure of Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility is to be used the group favoured one of the FSM Ever indicators but questioned whether LAs would be required to establish the base data as this could generate significant work.

Proposal

7. That Schools Forum consider the recommendations in paragraphs 4 to 6 above.

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Background papers

None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft minutes of the SEN Working Group