

## Parent Coffee Morning Minutes: Wednesday 21st June 2017, 10.00am

### **SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Consultation**

Chris is working with LBTH for new plans/strategies for children with SEND. This term, Chris is having meetings to hear from people who work with children with SEND and to hear from parents/carers who have children with SEND.

Children and young people who have SEND have been through an assessment process as they need extra help learning at school.

There are two groups of SEND – children who need more help (will have an EHCP – an Education and Health Care Plan) and children who have SEND and have plans/extra support in school. Nature of the need could be physical, help around school, hearing/visually impaired, learning difficulty, Autism, mental health

- 81,000 0 – 19 year olds in LBTH
- 8,400 children have SEND
- 45% of adults who are disabled are in a paid job

7 themes:

- Leadership
- Information – more easily available
- Assessment process – children with higher needs, council haven't run well
- How to get involved with child's learning as a parent/carer
- Future for child – where to live, working
- Communication
- Money/funding

Last year, there was a review for children with SEND. Many parents said the way they are kept informed from school is good.

The council and NHS in Tower Hamlets are developing a new plan for children and young people with SEND for the next 5 years.

Parents can research the Local Offer online and there is an SEND section – [www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk](http://www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk). There isn't yet a section for what parents can do if they are concerned about their child. Parents can request an assessment.

What parents feel works well at school:

- Communication is generally very good
- Website up to date and has key dates
- Have asked for YLM email addresses to be on the school website which has been agreed by Mr Jones
- Well informed with text messages for meetings and reminders
- Parent feels happy with communication from school re. homework, behaviour etc.
- School will get colleges into school for post 16 options

What parents feel could improve at school:

- Inform parents they can meet the colleges after children have when colleges have been in school
- SEND communication

What parents feel could improve at the council:

- A way to access information – short video clips, easier way to access information, transitions (primary to secondary, year 9 – 10, year 11 to post 16)

**Next Parent Forum:                    Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017**  
**Refreshments: 9.15 - 9.30am**  
**Parent Forum: 9.30 - 10.15am**

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