

Barnet Education and Learning Service – Chief Executive's update

Staff meetings – December 2020

Update

1. BELS
2. Education Strategies
3. Covid
4. Satisfaction

- Board of Directors – now with staff governor, Ricky Rebello
- Cambridge Education Final Account – Long-stop 20 November
- BELS budgets
- Contract Monitoring Board – contract changes, projects, KPIs
- Recruitment – 3 EWOs, 2 SEN Caseworkers, a Tribunals Support Officer, an Information Officer and an Outreach Learning Mentor. New full-time Elective Home Education Officer
- IT Refresh, Agile working scheme, training

Education Strategies

- Children's Partnership Board and Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee
- Approved: Education Strategy and School and Settings Improvement
- Approved for consultation: SEND and Inclusion
- Noted: School Places update
- Highlighted importance of covid response – safe schools, diminishing the difference, curriculum, attendance, exclusions, mental health, SEN support, Local Offer
- Noted OfSTED/CQC visit to Local Area and positive feedback
- Noted success in ensuring enough school places including specialist SEN provision

Covid19

- All schools opened - 85.1%; 83% for Special Schools/PRUs; 86% for children with a social worker
- 4562 pupils (7% of all pupils) absent due to covid related reasons e.g. symptoms, tested positive or contact so self isolating
- 56 schools with self-isolating pupils (29 Nov) – 13 with whole year groups, 26 with classes/bubbles
- Staff attendance in schools ca 92%; in BELS is 99%.
- Barnet covid rate going down, as London, but just missed Tier 3
- BELS support with Risk Assessments, home learning, SEN, advice on self-isolating pupil, staff attendance, CEV; meetings with unions.

Satisfaction Surveys

- 4th year
- The overall satisfaction rating for BELS services is 90.85%, which is the highest we have had in the 4 years we have been doing these surveys
- Significant improvements for Data Service, EPS, IAT, SEN team, Admissions, Governor Services
- Still very high: School Improvement – traded and non-traded; Specialist Teams.
- New and very high: Virtual School and EY Standards

Thanks

- So very well done and thank you
- BELS established and budgets and services secure
- Clear strategies in place for all key areas for the next 3 years
- Brilliant response to covid and support for schools
- Schools' satisfaction with services higher than ever
- Thank you!