

Parental Engagement Locality Group for Parents of Pupils with Additional Support needs in Mainstream Schools

Notes from meeting on 27th September (minutes awaited) for presentation at St Thomas of Aquin's High School Parent Council (PC) meeting on 11th November 2021

Purpose of the group:

- 2-way communication between parents of pupils with ASN in mainstream schools and City of Edinburgh Council (CEC)
- Parents of ASN pupils to connect and work together in each school and cluster (suggested but not essential)

Some issues discussed:

- Terms of reference of group presented & to be sent out with minutes of meeting
- Improved communication from CEC
- Suggestion that more Speech & Language Therapy needed in mainstream schools; the contract is due to be reviewed soon
- Recent BBC report on budget for ASN education in Edinburgh

Agenda items for next time:

- Empowered learning (digital)
- Presentation on how CEC ASN services and staff fit together & where parents should go for help

Plan for 4 two-hour meetings each year

- Dates of the next meetings 22.11.21 and 31.1.22
- One representative from each PC to attend meetings

Suggestion (if PC agrees):

- Information on the above group to be included in minutes of PC meeting and Weekly Briefing
- Ask parents to email PC if interested in joining a St Thomas of Aquin's group to discuss ASN-related issues
- Investigate how to link with cluster schools

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