

Dear Colleague

Please find attached the 'Planning for Expansion' sheet that you completed at the end of the One to One Tuition Briefing on 16th March 2010 at Kendleshire Golf Club.

We have taken copies of these documents and will use them to plan our support for the forthcoming months.

In our 'monitoring' discussion with the DCSF, after the Briefing, we raised a number of concerns that were expressed regarding the Pupil Guarantee. The DCSF representative acknowledged that there was a need for guidance regarding the Pupil Guarantee once it becomes law and that he would follow this up. He also acknowledged the need for the Government to support schools in managing parental expectation.

More specifically, with regard to the Key Stage 2 Pupil Guarantee, he recommended that schools tracked the progress of pupils that enter the Key Stage below the expected level and, if they do not make the expected progress during the Year 3, provide tuition for them in Year 4. He assured us that the Guarantee would seek to hold schools accountable for provision, not outcomes. OFSTED would continue to hold schools accountable for the latter.

In the case of the Year 7 Pupil Guarantee, the DCSF representative recommended that schools should track the progress of pupils that enter Key Stage 3 below the expected level during Year 7 and, if they do not make the expected progress, begin to provide tuition or small group support towards the end of the year.

He was insistent that Tuition should not be diverted towards addressing Special Educational Needs, but should continue to focus on students not making the expected progress.

Further to this, I have been made aware that the wording of the Pupil Guarantees is still subject to public consultation, up to 6th April. Full details of the consultation can be found using the following link:
<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1692&external=no&menu=1> .

I hope that this clarifies some of the issues relating to the Pupil Guarantees.

Many thanks for your contributions to the discussions yesterday. We will hold another briefing in one of the Summer Terms to address some of the requests for support that have been outlined in the 'Planning for Expansion' sheets.

Yours faithfully

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