

Schools Forum Consultation: Special Educational Needs Education, Health and Care Assessments

Summary

Detail

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Date: 22 February 2016

For the attention of:
Headteacher and Governors

Phase: All

Action: Response to consultation invited

Deadline: 18 March 2016

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There are 3 attachments:

[2015-2016-sch-fund-report-schools-forum-paper---october-requests-for-ehc-assessment--hf000010203554-.docx](#)

[document-pb-confidential-working-party-for-low-level-sen-funding-principles-12-november-2015--hf000010554069-.doc](#)

[document-pb-working-party-contacts-list-for-sen-funding--hf000010978067-.doc](#)

Gray, Jen

From: Butler, Phil
Sent: 16 February 2016 10:55
To: Elsen, Michael; Gray, Jen
Subject: FW: Consultation: Special Educational Needs Education, Health and Care Assessments
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Mike/Jen,

This is the consultation that has gone out to FE colleges today. The consultation will go out to schools through the next Schools Comm.

Phil

From: Butler, Jane
Sent: 16 February 2016 10:48
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Phil sent as requested.

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Colleagues,

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Gail,

I was grateful for our conversation, a few minutes ago, about arrangements to consult with parents regarding this proposal.

The consultation note below, along with all the attachments, will go out to FE colleges on Monday and a similar communication will go out to all our schools at the same time. Please feel free to share all of it with any parents or colleagues who are interested but not until Monday if possible so that the consultation starts for everyone at the same time; all are welcome to respond.

Please let me know as soon as you can when the regional parent groups are meeting and we will try to get someone to as many of them as we can.

Thanks.

Phil

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