

Sandwell Transition Education Partnership Services

Overview of the morning:

Time				
10.15 - 10.45	Arrival and introduction by Mr Balwant Bains - meeting room 1 st floor			
10.45 - 11.35	In room observation – 10 minutes in each area			
	KS1 Miss Bucko	KS2 Mrs Lillico-Davis	KS 3 & 4 Mrs Bhatthal P.E.	Parents Programme – Family Fortunes Mrs Caan
11.35 – 11.55	Debrief & Evaluation			
11.55 – 12.15	Lunch			



The STEPS Centre

STEPS Self-Evaluation 2017

Background Information:

- Equalities and Equal Opportunities compliant: Mark Simms, Ofsted Lead for EAL. This includes not 'holding' EAL students for a designated period of time, seen as discrimination by not providing equality of opportunity because of their inability to speak English. Therefore the time a child spends with us varies according to when they have arrived and when they are allocated a school place through HtP.
- Part of the Admissions process and as such ensure Safeguarding of INA children and young adults. Daily referrals
- All staff completed Safeguarding PD including L3 for management. Regular SG updates from Lisa Harvey and her team.
- Policies and Procedures in place (as in all school)
- Referrals into Early Help, MASH, Prosecution and Attendance, Inclusion Support, Sandwell Urban Renewal H&S team.

Curriculum and Formative Assessment

Baseline assessment



- There are 6 curriculum themes: All About Me, School, Sport, Houses and Homes, Food, Plants and Animals to develop children's numeracy, literacy, social development and school practice/protocol (readiness for school).
- Formative assessment document informing DfES Proficiency Scale judgements
- Outside agencies including Albion Foundation, SIPS school/library service, MAC and SIPS Music Service, Connexions, Workn'Learn, Fit-for-Sport (Activity Challenge).
- Visits to
- Year 10 and 11 children receive 1;1 Connexions interviews to identify aspirations and educational pathways.

Family Support

- Open Mornings
- ESOL classes, Brushstrokes, SAFL, Halesowen College
- Sandwell housing department
- Transition meetings





Sandwell Schools' EAL Network

 Network twice a term, 2 PD days. Audited what schools said they needed and provided a range of experts to share their materials including: Mantra Lingua, The Bell Foundation, Nassea, Hounslow Language Services, Mark Simms, Ofsted Lead

- Average length of time spent at STEPS (1st February to 7th April 2017) KS1–13 days, KS2- 15 days & KS3/4-13days
- Senor Leaders (Head Teacher, Centre Manager and steering group) have a clear and ambitious vision for the centre. This is communicated effectively to all staff and parents. 'leaders keep me informed about the long term vision for the centre' – 87.5% strongly agree/agree feedback from staff questionnaire June 2017.

Dream

Grow



3. The Centre promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs to help children and families embrace their new culture. 'I learn a lot about British culture' 100% strongly agree/agree (82% strongly agree) feedback from children's questionnaire June 2017.





- 4. 'The teaching is good at the centre' 100% strongly agree/agree feedback from parents' questionnaire June, 2017. They are delighted that their children have made gains in language acquisition from a low baseline.
- 5. The centre has provided work experience for 3 students and voluntary opportunities for 2 others. 'I know it takes time out of your already busy schedules to organise and support people on work experience, we really appreciate it' – N Latham Hub Manger- Aspire to HE, University of Wolverhampton.
- 6. We provide opportunities for carers to access the centre, 32 have taken part in the ESOL class since March July 2017 in basic English provision. 'yes I enjoyed the course' A Kaur
- 7. Parent's engagement is very good, parents attend the open morning; parents were presented with certificates to acknowledge their interest in their children's leaning. 'the centre gives me the chance to see my Childs work'-100% strongly agree/agree feedback from parent's questionnaire June 2017



- 8. STEPS facilitate and lead the Local Authority's EAL networks; we identify and plan the network content according to the need and interest of schools. Feedback shows:
 - Overall quality 96% Good/Excellent
 - Content 100% Good/Excellent
 - 'Thank you this is amazing' Brandhall Primary School
 - *An excellent resource Sandwell are lucky to have!'- Grove Vale Primary*
 - *What needs to improve? Carry on what you're doing*
 - What is the most successful part of the training? gaining knowledge about the future EAL students who will be arriving at BHA. Looking forward to future networks and working with STEPS.' Bristnall Hall Academy
- 9. Transition arrangements facilitate the sharing of robust information that allows children from the centre to settle into their new schools seamlessly. 'How useful was the information that was provided' (DfE proficiency assessment, learning journal and interview notes)? 100% good/excellent, transition questionnaire.

10. Strategic Development Plan.





We started the academic year with a response from Her Majesty the Queen's lady-in-Waiting to the Key Stage 2 class; In July children had written to her to tell her about themselves and the STEPS centre. The letter stated:

'Her Majesty was touched by your kind words'