

Lead Member for Education and ISend to Children's Scrutiny September 2017

National Funding Formula

The f40 group, which ESCC is a member, have been liaising and lobbying government as the NFF process moves forward. The additional £1.3bn the Secretary Of State has promised is of course welcome. The next stage of the process will be an announcement due this month on the further proposals.

As I have stated previously there are 2 elements - the funding the total in the "pot" and how that pot is distributed. The concern re the funding formula relates to smaller schools (esp. rural primary schools) and ensuring they remain viable.

School Places

Whilst ESCC are restricted in the opportunity to build new schools they still retain the responsibility to ensure sufficient places are available. Officers are working closely with Districts and Boroughs as the Local Plans are developed and often changed.

Over capacity of places may give parental choice, which is welcome, but also has a negative effect on the finances of schools in the local area.

School Expansion

Consultation has been completed on the expansion at Polegate. The school admissions have exceeded the PAN in 2016 and 2017. If the expansion goes ahead the PAN will increase from 60 to 90 a year from 2019.

Willington expansion is currently out for consultation with proposal to increase by 40 a year from 2020 to give additional 200 places by 2025.

Exam Results

KS4 results were slightly below national average, however this should not detract from some excellent individual results.

Post 16 results will be circulated once the validated results are available from DfE.

School Visits

Ninfield Primary

To discuss school PAN and also assist in resolving negotiations with the Parish Council re lease of land on recreation ground. This has delayed progress on building work but has finally been resolved -at Parish Council meeting on 7/09 which I attended.

Parkside Primary

Follow up after Outstanding Ofsted report and progress on Early Years Project.

Chailey

Update on school progress.

Hellingly/ North Hailsham

Various meetings and conversation re the extra school places required for future residential developments. New site allocated – funding to be confirmed- affect of new school on nearby Hellingly Primary needs to be considered hence meetings with Hellingly School.

Uckfield CC

Tour of school with Headteacher and discussion re Pan and Priority School Building.

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