

snapp report

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Schools in Norfolk at Primary Phase

The group that represents ALL headteachers in the Primary Phase in Norfolk.

snapp exists to serve primary headteachers and schools in Norfolk. If you have a concern or a problem we want to know and we want to help. We are also here to address issues with the Local Authority on your behalf. All you need to do is contact your local rep. We are only a phone call or e-mail way.

Support for Schools

David Orsborne – Support for Schools

David explained the three main strands in supporting primary schools:

1. five area teams including the area director and SDAs
2. the Primary Strategy Team (led by Chris Snudden)
3. INSET advice and support (Heather Tyrell, Chris Hemmings, and Roger Eagle).

He also talked about the importance of self-evaluation. Please note that with regards to OFSTED inspections:

- There is a reduced tariff for outstanding/good school i.e. one inspector for one day.
- After a half term holiday some schools have been contacted on the Monday for an inspection on the Tuesday.

OFSTED will use the 2005 PANDA because there is currently no 2006 PANDAs and its replacement, RAISEonline is delayed until the new year. If schools are expecting an Ofsted and need support in analysing their data to complete their SEF, David Orsborne suggests contacting Robin Ings at Norwich PDC (01603 433276)

Fair Funding Consultation

This year's Fair Funding Consultation document is much shorter and much easier to read than in previous years. The snapp committee would urge headteachers to read it and to complete the consultation as some very important issues are being raised. These include Balance Control Mechanisms and the Provision of School Meals.

Although the committee have no intention of telling you how you should respond, the following points were discussed at the meeting and it was felt that headteachers ought to be aware of these points as it is not clear in the documentation that you have received.

Balance Control Mechanisms

- The DfES believe that balances between 5% and 8% are reasonable in schools but the proposed model suggests a limit of 5%
- If schools are operating three year budgets, why is the claw back process to take place at the end of each year?

School Meals Provision

- The committee did feel that, in the short term, there should be a single provider but that the Authority should investigate how the service is provided in other counties where a number of providers are used, and the cost of school meals is less than that in Norfolk.

The snapp website can be accessed by clicking on the following hyperlink -
<http://www.norfolkesinet.org.uk/pages/viewpage.asp?uniqid=462>

Early Years

At the recent meeting of the snapp committee, members expressed concerns about the lack of support for the education of Early Years provision within the County. To help us follow this through we would like to hear headteacher's comments on what is happening to Early Years Provision where you work? Please send comments to head@whitewomanlane.norfolk.sch.uk

NCSL Leadership Network

Simon East- NCSL Leadership Network

Simon, a Norfolk Head Teacher, is seconded to spend 12 months with the NCSL. Nationally there are 23,000 Head Teachers but the Leadership Network is undersubscribed and recently there was only 1 Head from Norfolk who was part of the Leadership Network. As a result, centrally there is probably little knowledge of what is happening within Norfolk. Simon is now working on behalf of, and within, the East of England. He is keen to encourage Head Teachers to become members of the Leadership Network. This would give Heads access to online discussions, sharing of good practice and attendance at meetings. Simon would like to see the good work in Norfolk recognised and is keen to support and encourage Norfolk Head Teachers to join.

snapp representatives

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Next **snapp** meeting: - Wednesday 17th January at Dereham Football Club