

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 10 November 2010	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Pupil performance in 2009/2010 academic year and the developments linked to the Virtual School	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Alastair Wilson Interim Virtual School Headteacher	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the report for information.
2. To feedback any comments and recommendations to the Virtual Head to be incorporated in the Virtual Head Annual Report to be provided for a future Corporate Parenting Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. **Pupil performance in 2010:** Data on attainment, attendance and exclusions is provisional as at the time of writing the returns from schools are not yet complete. Further at Key Stage 2 (KS2) not all schools entered their pupils for the national tests
4. **Attainment at GCSE and equivalent:** Pleasingly each of the headline indicators appears to have improved in 2010 and compare favourably against national figures in 2009. Nonetheless the gap in performance compared to all Southwark pupils remains high.

% Attainment at GCSE or equivalent							
	LAC Pupils (63 pupils)			Nat	All Southwark pupils		
	2008	2009	2010	2009	2008	2009	2010
% 5+A*-C inc Eng & Maths		13	16*	10	43	50	55*
% 5+A*-C	19.	13.	25*	15	56	68	78*
%5**A-G	46	37	60*	44	88	93	94
% 1+A*-G	68	67	68*	68	98	99	99
% who sat exams	71	70	78*	71			

*Provisional results subject to change

5. **Attainment at KS2:** (to be completed when full set of results returned as only a small number of pupils involved.)

% Attainment at Key Stage 2							
	LAC Pupils (63 pupils)			Nat	All Southwark pupils		
	2008	2009	2010	2009	2008	2009	2010
KS2 Level 4+ English		40	*	46		80	
KS2 Level 4+ Maths		45	*	46		79	
KS2 Level 4 Science		75	*	62		88	

*Provisional results subject to change. Not all pupils sat KS2 tests in 2010

6. **Attendance Exclusions and SEN:** There was only 1 permanent exclusion in 2010. There was an increase in the number of LAC having greater than 25 days absence but it is likely to be lower than the national average. The percentage of LAC with a statement was approximately a third lower than in the previous 2 years.

LAC % Attendance, Exclusions and SEN				
	Southwark Pupils			National
	2008	2009	2010	2009
Permanent exclusions	-	2	0.05	0.4
LAC missing at least 25 days	8	7	10.4	11.5
Children with statement	32	34	22	27

7. **Home Tuition:** Over the last 3 years Southwark pupils in Years 10 and 11 have had opportunity to access home tuition in English, maths and to a lesser extent science provided by Fleet Tutors. The contract has been extended for a further year albeit with some important changes in how it operates. Pleasingly a substantial saving has been negotiated. Provision will now be targeted on those who have the greatest need across Years 7-11 as identified through the PEP process. Tuition will be offered in English and/or maths over a period of 10 weeks. Whether tuition will extend beyond 10 weeks will depend on positive feedback from those involved, the impact on progress and whether attendance is high.
8. **1-2-1 Tuition:** This programme is in its second year and funds individual tuition from a teacher over a 10 week period normally after school or at the weekend. It is aimed at pupils who are at risk of not making appropriate progress in English and/or maths in KS2, KS3 and in KS4 in City Challenge Schools. LAC are deemed to be a priority group for 1-2-1. We have written to schools to establish if they are planning to offer 1-2-1 to the LAC pupils and if not the reasons why. It would appear that a greater proportion of LAC pupils will receive 1-2-1 than last year. However it has recently been announced that from April funding for 1-2-1 will not continue as a separate funding stream so it is unclear if schools will continue to fund the provision. We would hope the possible introduction of a pupil premium for LAC will encourage schools to so.
9. **Pupil premium:** At the time of writing there is only limited information about the nature and scale of the pupil premium. Given that LAC are not entitled to a free school it is likely that there will be a specific premium for LAC.
10. **Development of Virtual School:** CMST have agreed to the establishment of a Virtual School for Looked After Children led by a Virtual School Headteacher (VSH). It is proposed that the school will subsume the functions of the looked after children education services team (LACES). Initial moves to the establishment of a Virtual School have commenced with oversight of the LACES team being transferred to the Assistant Director 11-19 from the Assistant Director Social Care on 1 November.
11. The proposed structure of the Virtual School will be published later this term. The structure takes note of the financial pressure on the local authority and statutory responsibilities. At its heart will be the commissioning of specific services for LAC from specialist teams within the LA or externally. This is viewed as the sustainable approach in the longer term.
12. Work is currently being undertaken to strengthen the system to track and monitor the

attainment and progress of LAC as it does not meet the full needs of a virtual school.

13. Training for Designated Teachers is also being reviewed and a Strategy developed.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

14. For information only

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Evaluation of the Virtual School Head Pilot	DFE Standards Website	Alastair Wilson
Improving the Educational Attainment of Children in care	DFE Standards Website	

AUDIT TRAIL

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