

Learning and Children's Services

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO SCHOOL GOVERNORS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2010

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1. 2010 SCHOOL NATIONAL CURRICULUM TESTS AND EXAM RESULTS

Results remain provisional and some are incomplete, however indications are that standards in Kingston's schools remain outstanding overall.

There are good improvements on the previous year in several areas, most notably Foundation Stage which has improved on all measures. High performance has been maintained but some aspects of performance have declined slightly. These aspects are targeted for intervention in the new Children and Young People's Plan 2010 – 2013.

Compared to 2009: at Foundation Stage, the trend of improvement continues to be good. There are improvements in most areas at Key Stage 1 and standards are high. At Key Stage 2 high standards are maintained with 79% of pupils reaching national expectation in combined English and maths; performance improved in maths but declined slightly in English. Last year's strong improvement at Key Stage 4 has been further improved with 83% of all 16 year olds attaining 5 good GCSEs and 69% gaining 5 good GCSEs including English and maths.

Detailed information is attached and the full report will be published as Part 1 of the Local Authority's '2010 Annual Report on School Improvement, Standards of Attainment and Pupil Progress'. It will be up-dated as results become validated. Part 2 of the report will detail the Local Authority's performance in closing inequality attainment gaps. Both reports will be available on the RBK website from 10th October 2010.

For further information on the above, please contact: Tina Herring, Service Director for Learning and School Effectiveness on 020 8547 5288, or email: tina.herring@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

2. UPDATE ON PRIMARY EXPANSION

EXPANSION OF SCHOOL PLACES IN KINGSTON – UPDATE

This is an update regarding the Local Authority's plans to ensure that there are sufficient primary and secondary school places in Kingston. It includes an update regarding our plans for a new secondary school in the north of the borough in the light of the recent government announcement regarding changes to the Building Schools for the Future programme.

Permanent Expansion of Primary Schools

The Local Authority has a statutory duty as the commissioner of school places in the area to ensure that there are sufficient places and schools across the area to promote diversity and increase parental choice. Although a Strategy for the Permanent Expansion of Primary School Places was approved at Executive on 1 December 2009, as a result of the challenging and uncertain financial picture facing all Councils, the Council's Executive at their meeting on 30 June 2010, agreed a two phased approach to permanent expansion. The two phased approach means that the expansion of some schools is deferred for review until February 2011. This decision allows for greater

certainty about funding and another year of pupil admissions and birth data to be available.

The two phased permanent expansion programme agreed by Executive on 30 June is as follows;

Phase 1 - £42m capital budget 2010-12

- Public Notices were published during the Summer for schools in Phase 1 of the Strategy to enable an additional 255 (6.5fe) permanent places to be available from September 2011. The schools involved are; Latchmere, Fern Hill, Alexandra Infants / St Pauls CofE Junior, Burlington Infants / Burlington Juniors, St Matthews, Grand Avenue, and Ellingham Primary. An additional 2 forms of entry are to be established in Surbiton at a new primary school as part of the redevelopment of the Surbiton Hospital site (see below).

Phase 2 (for review in February 2011)

- Decision to issue a Public Notice to expand will be deferred until February 2011 to review if funding and pupil projections indicate this is appropriate. The schools in Phase 2 are Christ Church New Malden, Corpus Christi, Malden Manor, King Athelstan and Lovelace (150 places 5fe) with a plan to review the need for permanent expansion in February 2011. Permanent expansion of these schools would not take effect until September 2012.

The full Executive report can be accessed on the Council's website on the link;
http://www.kingston.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/committeeminutes/moderngov.htm?mgl=ieListDocuments.aspx&CId=134&MId=5938&Ver=4

New Primary School – Surbiton Hospital Site

NHS Kingston and Kingston Council have been working together with GPs, patients, parents, carers and other local people to bring a new lease of life to the Surbiton Hospital site. We are now proposing a joint planning application for a new healthcare building and a new primary school. Consultation took place during the summer regarding the plans and feedback from this will inform the planning application which we intend to submit in October 2010. NHS Kingston has to follow a process that includes the Strategic Health Authority for London approving their business case for the redevelopment of the whole site. Once this is secured the Council will be able to commence with the competition process to identify the provider of the new school. As it is not possible to carry out this work in time to inform the school admissions process for September 2011 the new primary school will not be able to admit children until September 2012. The Council's Executive agreed, therefore, at their 30 June 2010 meeting that two additional 'bulge' classes are required in the Surbiton area for September 2011 entry. We are currently discussing this with local schools and will be able to advise parents of the additional places from 19 October 2010.

New Secondary School in North Kingston

Following the announcement on Monday 5 July 2010 that the Government is to end the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme, the Local Authority is taking action to ensure that we are well placed to have sufficient secondary school places in the future.

As a priority we are looking at alternative streams of funding for a new school in Kingston. Kingston has a clear need for a new secondary school to meet the growing

demand for places in the coming years, and the Secretary of State for Education stated that '*...the review of capital is made all the more necessary because as pupil numbers rise in years to come we have to ensure our first duty is guaranteeing an expansion in capacity to meet that demographic growth.*'

Work to determine the provider of the new school through a competition process is continuing and two bids were received by the August 23rd deadline. On 10th September 2010 we published a summary of the proposals from the Southwark Diocese and Kingston Educational Trust, and a public meeting was held on 24th September 2010 to allow the public to hear more about the proposals from the bidders. Comments on the proposals can be made until 22nd October after which the bids will be assessed in the autumn with a final decision being taken by the independent Schools' Adjudicator.

For further information on the above see details at :

http://www.kingston.gov.uk/browse/education/schools/school_expansion.htm

or contact Anne Redparth, Head of Resources and Commissioning, on 020 8547 5276, email anne.redparth@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

3. ADMISSIONS

In-Year Admissions from September 2010

There is a new statutory requirement for LAs; all residents requiring a school place must apply via their own Home Council (Home LA) regardless of whether the school located is in the Home LA's area or another LA's area. The new process is underway and schools are working very collaboratively with the LA to manage this change in school admissions.

Co-ordinated Primary Admissions 2011

The School Admissions Co-ordination Regulations require each local authority to co-ordinate primary admissions for its residents in the same way as secondary admissions. Parents make their applications for a primary school place via their Home LA, regardless of whether the school is in the Home LA or in another LA's area. Any applicant who is eligible for more than one school place will only receive a single offer of a school place, regardless of where the school is located. The closing date for completed applications for 2011 admission is 15 January 2011.

Co-ordinated Secondary Admissions 2011

This process is well-embedded and Pan London secondary co-ordination is now in its 7th year. The statutory closing date for applications for 2011 admission is 31 October 2010. As this falls at the end of half term, we are encouraging parents to submit their applications via their primary schools by Friday 22 October when schools break up for half term.

Consultation for Admission Arrangements 2012/13

All Admission authorities (for any community, foundation or voluntary aided schools) are required to consult on their admission arrangements every three years unless there is a proposed change to their existing arrangements. In practice, this means consultation on proposed admission arrangements for 2012/13 is only required if there have been no changes since the last consultation (which must have taken place in one, or both, of the previous two years).

Consultations must last for a minimum of 8 weeks and run between 1 November and 1 March and consultees must include the Local Authority, all admission authorities in the relevant area, the School Admissions Forum, admission authorities in neighbouring LAs, relevant religious authorities (for faith schools), relevant parents and the wider community. Consultations must be completed by 1 March and admission authorities must determine their admission arrangements by 15 April.

For further information on the above items, please contact: Hatija Bhatia, Principal Admissions & Governance Officer on 0208 547 5284, or email: hatija.bhatia@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

4. GOVERNOR UPDATES

Changes in terminology

Two long awaited Parliamentary Orders were laid before the dissolution of Parliament and come into force on 5 May and 12 May. The effect of these Orders, amongst other things, is to change terminology in education legislation from "local education authority" to "local authority", "LEA" to "LA" and "local education authority governor" to "authority governor" (NB not "local authority governor").

A Guide to the Law for School Governors

The DfE have indicated that the next edition of 'A Guide to the Law for School Governors' will be issued in April 2011. This will be an online version only and they will no longer issue CD-ROM copies.

School Improvement and Governors' Key Tasks for the Autumn Term 2010

1. Performance Management of the Headteacher

This is required to be undertaken before 31st December 2010, and your School Improvement Partner will be in touch with your Headteacher shortly to organise a meeting if you as governor have not already contacted the SIP. Please note that three trained governors are expected to attend this meeting.

2. Target Setting

Your School Improvement Partner will arrange a meeting with your Headteacher to discuss the setting of Statutory Targets for pupils' performance at the end of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 for the school year ending 2012. The Chair of Governors should attend this meeting to fulfil their role in relation to target setting.

For further information on the above please contact: Hatija Bhatia, Principal Admissions & Governance Officer on 0208 547 5284, or email: hatija.bhatia@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

5. GOVERNOR TRAINING

Please find listed below the Governor training courses that are available during the Academic Year 2010/2011. Please reserve your place by speaking to your CPD coordinator and/or Headteacher depending on what the arrangements are for booking courses at your school.

Further details about the courses can be viewed on KIMS at the following link: <http://www.rbksch.org/KIMS/> click View Courses, click Governor Training and Development, click on course. The venue for all training is the King Charles Centre, 19.00pm – 21.00pm unless otherwise stated.

INTERPRETING DATA – WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

<i>Date</i>	5 October 2010	19:00 – 21:00 King Charles Centre
<i>Course code</i>	G10/005	

PREMISES MANAGEMENT

<i>Date</i>	14 October 2010	19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre
<i>Course Code</i>	G10/006A	

GUIDANCE ON EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOLS

<i>Date</i>	19 October 2010	19:00 – 21:00 King Charles Centre
<i>Course code</i>	G10/003	

GOVERNORS' PERSPECTIVE ON MANAGING GRIEVANCE, DISCIPLINE AND CAPABILITY ISSUES

<i>Date</i>	2 November 2010	19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre
<i>Course code</i>	G10/002	

SAFER RECRUITMENT TRAINING (for Headteachers, Governors and Staff)

<i>Date</i>	4 November 2010	09.30 – 16.30 – King Charles Centre
<i>Course Code</i>	M10/010A	

GOVERNING BODY SELF REVIEW

<i>Date</i>	11 November 2010	19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre
<i>Course code</i>	G10/010	

SAFER RECRUITMENT FOR GOVERNORS

<i>Date</i>	13 November 2010	09.30 – 17.00 King Charles Centre
<i>Course code</i>	G10/014A	

SRE (SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION) FOR GOVERNORS

<i>Date</i>	16 November 2010	19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre
<i>Course code</i>	G10/019	

INTRODUCTION TO SCHOOL'S FINANCE

<i>Date</i>	23 November 2010	19.00 – 21.00, King Charles Centre
<i>Course code</i>	G10/017	

TAKING THE CHAIR

<i>Date</i>	08 December 2010	19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre
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Course code G10/009

Governors to bring with them on the day the School Prospectus, SEF and SDP

GOVERNORS UPDATE ON LITERACY, NUMERACY AND SEN

Date 20 January 2011 19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre

Course Code G10/004

HEALTHY SCHOOLS FOR GOVERNORS

Date 26 January 2011 19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre

Course Code G10/020

NEW GOVERNOR INDUCTION COURSE

Date 29 January 2011 09.30 – 16.00 King Charles Centre

Course Code G10/008B

Governors to bring with them a copy of the School Prospectus and School Development Plan on the day and Activity Sheet 1A which will be forwarded to governors nearer the time. This course is being covered in a single day session and not as 3 separate evening sessions.

TO OUTSTANDING AND BEYOND

Date 3 February 2011 19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre

Course Code G10/011

Governors to bring with them their most recent inspection report, current SEF and current SDP.

SAFER RECRUITMENT FOR GOVERNORS

Date 5 February 2011 09.30 – 17.00 King Charles Centre

Course Code G10/014B

THE FUNDING FORMULA AND SETTING THE SCHOOL BUDGET

Date 15 February 2011 19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre

Course code G10/016

SAFER RECRUITMENT TRAINING

Date 7 March 2011 09.30 – 16.30 King Charles Centre

Course code M10/010B

INCLUSION: PUPILS AT GREATER RISK OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT

Date 9 March 2011 19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre

Course Code G10/007

PRIMARY SCHOOL SRE

Date 4 May 2011 09.30 – 16.00 King Charles Centre

Course code PDW10/019

VETTING AND BARRING FOR GOVERNORS

Date 5 May 2011 19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre

Course code G10/013B

SAFER RECRUITMENT TRAINING (for Headteachers, Governors and Staff)

Date 10 May 2011 09.30 – 16.30 King Charles Centre

Course code M10/010C

PREMISES MANAGEMENT

Date 12 May 2011 19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre

Course code G10/006B

NEW GOVERNOR INDUCTION COURSE

Date 21 May 2011 09.30 – 16.00 King Charles Centre

Course Code G10/008C

Governors to bring with them a copy of the School Prospectus and School Development Plan on the day and Activity Sheet 1A which will be forwarded to governors nearer the time. This course is being covered in a single day session and not as 3 separate evening sessions.

INFORMATION SHARING AND INTEGRATED WORKING

Date 24 May 2011 19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre

Course code G10/001

MONITORING THE SCHOOL'S BUDGET

Date 14 June 2011 19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre

Course code G10/018

COMMUNITY COHESION

Date 23 June 2011 19.00 – 21.00 King Charles Centre

Course code G10/012

- **SEF – School Evaluation Plan**
- **SDP – School Development Plan (also known as the School Improvement Plan)**
- **Activity Sheet 1A – the activity sheet to complete at home will be forwarded to Governors nearer the time**

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