

St. Peter's Centre

Management Committee Visit Report



Name: Gini Lara

Date: 14th March '18

Time: 9.30

Focus of Visit: SEND (Sp. Ed. Needs or Disabilities)

Staff Involved: Sue Lynn, Headteacher

During your visit please make notes on the following areas:

Observations / Comments:

On the day that I visited the 'Intervention Group' were in – this was a group of YR 7/8 pupils who unusually all come from the same school. These pupils have been selected due to causing concern in their own schools due to social and emotional issues and attendance is being affected. The Centre was calm and the small teaching group were focussed on discussing/drawing their 'ideal classrooms' and feeding back the rationale behind their decisions. They all appeared to be enjoying this activity and were keen to discuss or show their own work and ideas.

Intervening at an earlier stage may be sufficient to guard against longer term mental health issues for these pupils. Data from previous years has proven that attendance has improved for many of these pupils after completing the 6 weeks programme. Perhaps more importantly the pupil gave 100% positive feedback on how helpful they had found the programme to be in improving self confidence and supporting them in their mainstream schools.

During my visit Sue Lynn and I discussed the composition of students with EHCP's (Education and Health Care Plans) and the difficulty that some parents have with obtaining the support needed for the students from the local authority.

There are currently 2 pupils with EHCP's and 2 pupils with ongoing applications.

There are 5 pupils with SEND support.

Some pupils with EHCP's are waiting for placement at special schools and others are now receiving additional support within their mainstream schools.

Actions:

There are a number of websites providing useful information to parents and professionals and it would be useful for all of the Management Committee to be more familiar with what is on offer for Surrey families.

<https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/kb5/surrey/localoffer/home.page>

<http://surreycountycouncil.newsweaver.co.uk/SchoolsBulletin/qykd1tr5g13>

Reflection of Visit:

As with all of my visits to the Centre I am always struck by the calm and positive atmosphere within the teaching room and the professionalism of the staff towards ensuring the students feel valued, respected and supported at all times.

The value of the work being carried out by the Centre is crucial and it plays a significant part in ensuring that Surrey recognises the need within education to understand the important role that good mental health has in a child's ability to effectively learn and contribute confidently in today's society.

Signed: V F Lara

Date: 16/03/18