Dear Schools Forum members

The OSSP is a forum where organisations who play a significant role in publicly funded education in Oxfordshire meet, with the aim of addressing Oxfordshire’s key educational priorities that go beyond the responsibilities or influence of any one organisation. The representatives of these organisations meet 6 times a year to:

* Share information
* Minimise duplication
* Identify opportunities for collaboration
* Provide challenge and support

Over the last 12 months, discussions in OSSP meetings have included:

* The purpose and principles of the OSSP, with agreement that our priority is to continue to support the development of inclusive practice and provision to improve the progress and life chances of our disadvantaged learners and learners with SEND.
* Following the retirement of our previous chair, Katherine Ryan, an agreement to chair meetings internally on a rolling basis.
* Updates from partners as a standing item to facilitate our purpose as described in the bullet points above.
* Oxfordshire’s SEND strategy has been a standing item. Kate Bradley (OCC Head of SEND at the time) joined the May 2023 meeting. We have also discussed the outcome of the OCC SEND inspection (summer 2023) and the Priority Action Plan. Kate Reynolds joined the OSSP in January 2024 and led further discussions about the involvement of OSSP organisations in response to the SEND inspection.
* OSSP members were involved in the Oxfordshire Education Commission, and this has been a regular item of discussion.
* More recently members have discussed concerns about teacher, and support staff, recruitment and retention, leading to a meeting with Cllr John Howson, to discuss these issues.

Message sent by Ruth Morrison on behalf of the OSSP.

Oxfordshire Strategic Schools Partnership

5 March 2024

**Member Organisations**

• Further Education - Abingdon and Witney College

• Higher Education - The University of Oxford and Oxford Brookes University

• Oxford Diocesan Board of Education

• Oxfordshire County Council

• Oxfordshire Governors' Association

• Oxfordshire Teaching School Hub

• Oxfordshire Primary Schools

• Oxfordshire Secondary Schools

• Oxfordshire Special Schools

• Oxford City and Oxfordshire District Councils

• Early Years