**Multi School Council Meeting minutes 17th May**

**Host school – Little Garth – a massive thank you to them!**

**Present**

Little Garth

Lexdon

Heathlands

Copford

Neeca

Langham

Willowbrook

Bishop William Ward

Thanks so much everyone for your fantastic ideas and positive discussion work. It was so lovely to have everyone so involved and mixing together, hopefully making new friends from different schools! What a great morning 😊

**Deaf Awareness feedback** – couldn’t play video but discussion on deaf awareness in schools

* Have a deaf day in school and only use sign language
* Sign language lessons
* Wear ear defenders for the day so you can appreciate what it is like to be partially hearing or deaf
* Have a ‘word off’ competition only using sign language
* Have a special Friday celebration all about deaf awareness
* Use subtitles for all videos and clips
* Be respectful and aware of how you communicate – eg don’t cover your mouth when you speak as people lip read
* Draw pictures to communicate as an activity
* Lexdon do a lot of deaf awareness – they have lessons in sign language, a deaf choir and sing songs in sign language

**Behaviour in schools** – what works well and improvements. Some ideas already implemented in some schools

* Tokens to reward people
* Educate people to spend less time on screens as this is affecting brain development and the ability to concentrate
* All schools to have nurture clubs to give time out zones to re-regulate
* Have a recognition board with name and picture on it to recognise achievement/positive role models
* Teachers to use fun ways to get class’s attention
* Merits/house points working towards a communal award
* Detentions don’t always work – even with 3 prior warnings in place
* Warnings and consequences – names on whiteboard – again these are not always successful
* More work to be completed outside as it is so good for mental health
* Different levels of sanctions for different inappropriate behaviours
* Individual consequences tailored to each person as everyone is different
* Free things to try for positive rewards – 1st in Lunch queue, PE equipment monitor etc
* Have strong school values that everybody knows
* Have play equipment at break time to let us use up energy
* Whole class rewards
* Class dojo rewards eg 2000 dojos=movie afternoon
* Special reward from Head Teacher – eg in one school their Head awards individuals with a special marble if they deserve a reward
* Peaceful spaces to support challenging behaviour

**Global warming** – what can adults and communities do?

Electric charging points at all schools

* School sponsored walks to raise money for solar panels
* Individual classes to build birdhouses
* Walk rather than drive
* More funding into developing efficient electric cars
* Use less fossil fuel
* More money to be spent in clearing plastic from our oceans
* All schools should have compost bins
* All students should make sure they aren’t leaving taps on!
* Litter pick in woods
* Walking bus for all schools
* All bottles to be reusable – no single use plastic
* Always use both sides of paper
* Plant more trees as community projects
* Use less electronic devices to save electricity
* Donate more money to environmental charities
* Use recycled paper wherever possible
* Start up a litter picking business
* Move to paper rather than plastic packaging generally – also school canteens should adopt this
* Litter picking can be a behaviour consequence – linking back to previous topic

**Future Agenda Items**

* Homelessness
* Cancer and charities
* Refugees
* Friendships and inclusion
* Bullying
* Blind and visually impaired
* Activity Days
* Fundraising ideas at school
* Anxiety
* Pollution
* Have more games at start
* Wheelchair access in schools
* The importance of Art and PE
* SEND
* Things to do at playtime and whether homework should be banned
* How to be supportive

So many ideas! Just super! Thank you all so much – it was an absolute pleasure. You were all stars but a shout out to Marley from Neeca as he bravely came on his own. The star of today was Lillia-Rose for her well expressed and clear ideas. See you all soon! 😊

If anyone would like to host any of the further meetings please let me know!

**Colchester –** **Tuesday 3rd October, Monday 4th December, Thursday 8th February, Wednesday 20th March, Tuesday 14th May, Friday 5th July**

