Epping MSC Meeting

West Hatch High School

3rd October

**Attendance**

West Hatch High School

Alderton Junior

**Apologises**

Ivy Chimneys

Hereward

Welcome back to the new term of the MSC Meeting and the first time being split into districts as well! Thank you to West Hatch High School for hosting!

First, we started with this question:

1. *The Essex Local Offer – how would you get on there and what should be included on there?*

* To ensure that it is age appropriate.
* To ensure people with SEND can access it.
* To have CPY to record videos about their own experiences and it can go on the website.
* The website should also be for teachers as well so they can navigate it.

1. *Banjo Tag line – what could it be?*

* Be proud, never let anything stop you.
* Teamwork, dream big.
* Never back down
* Helping children in need
* Come and join banjo, we can be friends!
* If you have a problem, banjo can help!

1. *Plans for children (one plans, EHCP’s, medical, any plans for young people) – how could young people have a voice in these plans?*

* To have an opportunity to be able to discuss what they would like. For example, one of them has said that they would like to have different options of lunchtime clubs and it was agreed.
* It enables CYP to be supported to have their voices heard.
* To have different ways of communicating their needs. For example, one of them has said that they use hand signals to let the teachers know that they feel stressed, and they would like a space.
* To have consistent plan between home and school.

We then went on our break!

1. *Mental health awareness – as a wide group, what would you like to focus on when it comes to children’s mental health?*

* Anxiety
* Being late
* Being in a loud environment
* Trust
* School
* Being bullied
* Homework
* Different strategies to cope with their mental health.

1. *School SENCO’s – why is their role important and how could they help more children with learning differences?*

* To teach the teachers about CYP needs.
* To share information across school.
* To help CYP who needs additional support.
* They have wealth of experiences.
* To help learn about coping methods.
* They are a safe person/space.

It was great to hear everyone discuss passionately about the schools SENCOs and why they are important!

It was great to have all of you there today and the next Epping MSC Meeting will be on 4th December and we are still looking for a host school.