**Minutes**

**Braintree MSC meeting**

**Tuesday 10th December 2024**

**Host: Notley Green**

**Attendance**

Notley Green

John Bunyan

St Peters

Kids Inspire x2

ECC SEND engagement facilitator

**Apologies –** Silver End, Hatfield Peverel, Edith Borthwick, Bocking Street

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A smaller cluster of schools in this part of Essex for this meeting but it still included some valuable insights to the views on the agenda. Our first activity centred around children’s rights and what has come back from this is that lots of the rights felt supported, in particular getting the right **Support and care** but also having the right to **education and training.** The two that had a couple of crosses and/or comments was that young people didn’t feel they always get the right to **give their views and be taken seriously** or to **take part in groups/activities.** We will be looking at some common themes across Essex.

Next up we explored ideas on how to improve the idea of having a MSC day in schools celebrating differences! What the group suggested was:

* Some fundraising activities
* Activities that show different differences
* **Videos on how to make others feel included**
* **More of a deaf awareness focus**
* **Reflect on people’s abilities**
* **Assemblies**
* **A focus on anti-bullying**
* People’s likes and dislikes
* Wea odd socks
* More PSHE lessons during that day
* Include different races and religions
* **Also focus on those who may be blind**
* Do wheelchair Basketball
* Also think about health needs
* Use words like unique

Lots of ideas were repeated which is why some of the ideas above are in bold! Following this discussion we paused for a break, with Notley also having a great space outside for the group to get some fresh air (and it was fresh!).

After our break we discussed crime, which is a key topic for young people across Essex over the next 3 years! The discussion included lots of thoughts around what young people think of but also worries that may have such as being hurt, **robbery, kidnapping,** breaking the law, **bullying,** prison, people going missing, stalking and drugs. As it is a key theme for young people, we will be putting something together highlighting the key themes.

Lastly, and with the help of 2 ambassadors within the meeting, we asked young people what these meetings could be called in the future and how they could also improve. Names for the meeting that were suggested:

* Council contributions
* Wellbeing words
* Time to talk together
* Child meet up
* Children talking area
* MSC gathering

What was also discussed was ideas on how to improve meetings. Great ideas including **mixing more with other schools, an activity to do when they turn up**, an icebreaker, more art, some sport, some games.

Another fantastic meeting in Braintree and it’s not often I do this but I couldn’t pick one star of the meeting so EVERYONE was a start this time around!

**Next meeting – Braintree – Wednesday 12th March, 10am – 11:30am, Silver End Primary**