**The Multi-schools Share Zone Meeting notes**

**Venue: Robert Drake**

**Date & Time: 12th March – 10am**

Attended: Robert Drake (Host), Castle View, Glenwood. Jotsman, Canvey Island Infants, Kingston and Thundersley

A fantastic turn out at our castle point MSC share zone meeting! We had seven schools in attendance, and it was great to see so many new faces for my first visit to Robert Drake Primary School. Thank you so much to them for hosting us and supplying some delicious biscuits and drinks for the children and young people.

We started off the meeting by drawing, writing down and sharing our hobbies and interests. It was great to see Archie share his Yo-Yo skills! We then moved on to the agenda item of how to promote going to school, the children shared lots of ideas:

* More library time
* Blue room for regulating when anxious
* Prizes
* Make a rock pool
* Worry boxes
* Someone dressed up and happy to great the children at the entrance of the school
* Less home work
* A target room with playstation
* Therapy dog
* More clubs in school
* Clubs for friends
* Stickers for anxious pupils
* Go to a dinosaur theme park
* Spending more time with friends
* More fun in school
* Everyone should be nice
* Holding hands
* New lunch menu
* Healthier lunches
* Class pets that can be taken home
* Race the teachers
* Sign language
* More school dinner options
* Non uniform
* Fidget boxes
* Worry boxes
* Tell children that school is fun
* Golden time

We then had a break where everyone had the opportunity to socialise and to meet pupils from other schools.

The next agenda item was how can we help children and young people to feel safer online:

* Banned accounts
* Games
* Apps – Age restrictions
* Parental restrictions
* Apps with a lock symbol so children don’t access them
* Send messages to the person you are playing with or talking to online to make sure its them.
* Talk to someone if something is worrying you
* Whole school app with safe games and only school pupils allowed
* Don’t post anything inappropriate
* Have a timer on apps
* Check with parents
* Disable chats on games.

The final item on the agenda was ADHD and what our focus should be on raising awareness:

* Raise awareness of positives of ADHD
* Have an ADHD club in each school
* Better understanding
* Talk to people and their experiences
* Going to a different place to learn where it is easier to focus
* Challenge the stereotypes
* Fidget toys
* Lessons on ADHD
* Extra help that is needed
* Sensory rooms
* The need for movement
* More understanding of different ways ADHD can present.

It was a pleasure to chair this meeting, and it was fantastic to hear so many great ideas and feedback from the young people. Thank you again to Robert Drake for hosting us 😊