



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SEND INSPECTION Update 2

Dear FACT Members

This morning it seemed slightly unreal that the Inspection which we have been planning for since 2016 was to take place. I thank all the Steering Group for their work last week and to the reps who have offered to take part in the parent groups and the focus groups this week. Thanks also to parents who have completed the OFSTED survey and/or submitted lived experience evidence to the Inspection Team.

We closed our own SEND Survey last Monday both to prevent a clash with the OFSTED process and to give us chance to take the most up to date information to the Inspection. The data is provisionally little changed from last year (we will share the report by the end of March) and thanks again to the parents who offered their thoughts since these are really powerful current testimony, we have used to support our key ambitions for change.

This morning I represented all parents and carers at the welcome meeting and then the focus group on the Self Evaluation prepared by the Local Area. In both we emphasised our key themes that initiatives and pilots are welcome, but they need to become embedded practice and provisions which are available for all. We called on the Inspectors not to allow the momentum for change to be lost and the statements of good intention left unfulfilled.

We have golden themes that we are working into all our focus groups and we are repeating the statement that initiatives and pilots are very welcome but the key is embedded delivery that is available to the majority and reflected in lived experience.

This afternoon, FACT reps engaged in focus groups on Early Years; Social Engagement; Preparing for Adulthood; Vulnerable Groups; and Assessment. Tomorrow it is Early Intervention; Outcomes; SENDIAS; Parents/Co-Production & Joint Commissioning

If you have not yet completed the survey it remains open till 23.59 Tuesday 8th March. This link is below.

Survey

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BuckinghamshireCountyCouncilLASENDInspection/>

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