

Scrutiny Committee - Children and Families - 15 November 2023

Standing Panel for Education Standards – update

Membership of the Standing Panel:

- Cllr Evie Potts-Jones (Chair)
- Cllr Leigh Redman
- Cllr Tony Robbins
- Cllr Connor Payne
- Cllr Frances Nicholson
- Cllr Andy Hadley
- Ruth Hobbs – Somerset Parent Carer Forum
- Duncan Sharkey – Chief Executive
- Amelia Walker – Service Director Education Partnership & Skills
- Andrew Hedges – Project & Change Manager
- Toby Atkins – Information Officer
- Tony Verrier – Information Officer

First meeting took place 26th October 2023, and we covered the following items:

- Education background (Introduction into when we assess children and the performance of Somerset against Southwest and National targets).
- Data – Key Stage 2 & Key Stage 4 data update (Update on the recent data and how Somerset compares with previous years, compared to national averages and for selected pupil groups).
- Data – Understanding the data snapshot (Introduction to the tool we have created to show headline data for Somerset schools and MAT's, which forms part of the Thriving Schools work within the Education for Life programme).
- Member interests/Future meetings (Discussion around what future meetings will focus on).

Going forward this group will recommend items or certain data for the Scrutiny Committee to discuss.

For information, the Government has invested heavily in its own reporting of data and in many cases the best data you can ask for is available openly online.

Two good sources of information:

- ❖ Compare school performance
compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk

- ❖ Get information about schools
get-information-schools.service.gov.uk

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