



Sutton Parents Forum Café September 2017

Restructure of Sutton Education Services (SES)

Adrian Williams, Interim Head of Education, will be joining us to discuss the restructure of Sutton Education Services (SES), the implications of the new arrangements for parent/carers of children and young people with additional needs and to answer any questions.

Our understanding is that the proposed restructure includes deleting the post of Manager of Parent Partnership Services (SIAS) which is a vital impartial advice service for families, reducing the ASD service and deleting an Educational Psychologist (EP) post.

Having written to Councillor Hookway, Councillor James, Councillor Pascoe and senior officers from the Local Authority, the Steering Group met with Adrian Williams, Kieran Holliday, the Head of Pupil Based Commissioning and Councillor Jane Pascoe to raise concerns about the proposed further cuts to services, to highlight the value of these services to our families and to ask that the Local Authority provide more funding for SES to ensure that they can continue to support our families.

We consider that these services are already at breaking point due to continual cuts and this is already impacting negatively on families with disabled children and young people. We are making representations at all levels on behalf of parent/carers and will continue to do so.

We hope that this meeting will be well attended to ensure that our collective voice is heard.

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Where?

The Church of the Good Shepherd,
Queen Mary's Avenue, Carshalton, SM5 4NP

When?

Friday 15th September 2017

Coffee served from 10 am for a 10.30 start

A buffet lunch will be provided at 12.30

RSVP (if possible)

If you are unable to come to the meeting please either **email** suttonparentsforum@outlook.com or **message** our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Sutton-Parents-Forum) with any comments that you wish to be included in the feedback to the Local Authority

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A new Carers Strategy in Sutton

The Council's and Sutton Clinical Commissioning Group's Joint Commissioning Strategy for Carers has expired and London Borough of Sutton is leading on writing a new Carers Strategy, including the views of both Parent/Carers and Young Carers. Please see a note from Helen Bowring, giving you the chance over the next few weeks to help shape the Strategy at this early stage by emailing suttonparentsforum@outlook.com.

"I am in the process of writing the Carers Strategy which will inform the future delivery of services in the borough of Sutton. I would greatly welcome your input by letting me know what you think of current services and what you'd like to see available in the future. Please let me know by completing the questions outlined below:"

1. **As a Carer in the borough of Sutton, what do you think works well in terms of provision for Carers?**
2. **As a Carer, how could things be improved?**

Thank you for taking the time to respond. Your input is invaluable in helping the council and local providers plan services.



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