



Nursery cluster meeting 06/02/2018

Cambridge Primary School

Led by Karen Griffiths

Those present – Karen Griffiths, Jodie Taylor-Crozier, Claire Newby, Nicola Rees, Kerry Gibson, Claire Hill, Louise Shaw, Gemma Carter, Mandy Berry, Suzanne Barclay, Chloe Taylor.

Apologies – Jackie Drake

Introductions – settings represented Cambridge, Hindpool, St Pius, S Walney, Ormsgill

Planning

- Discussed the benefits of moving around settings within the cluster.
- KG explained how CPS implement ITMP/focus children, pre-school and nursery now do ITMP, reception class still unsure as they have to consider phonics, little big maths etc. K Gibsons reported her children seem happier and more settled.
- KG introduced Early Years in Action course due to be held at Easter.
- Hindpool was very structured, went to ITMP and now do a bit of both, some direct teaching to introduce new ideas and some ITMP especially out-doors, they find this stretches and extends the children's more than ITMP alone. Staff can be more creative.
- One setting does Objective led planning, they choose an objective from EYFS, select children and then work with those children on that particular objective.
- One setting is more group/table based activities, T approaches the children to work on a particular objective.
- St Pius have topic based work, no written planning, they do phonics and big maths, use tapestry that generates next steps, they base-line on entry and work through next steps – feel unsure as they are a new nursery.
- Hindpool set objectives for each child on entry and document that work, 1 target per child.
- Discussion about managing large groups of young children.
- S Walney do phonics/little big maths with 7 out of 30 children doing advanced phonics.
- Discussed phonics in nursery, St Pius do not go beyond phase 1, Hindpool phase 2, Cambridge followed phonics last year because of that particular cohort.
- KG explained how Cambridge have books/rhymes/stories that Early Years work their way through.
- Little big maths done loosely at a few settings – mainly verbally

Any other training people interested in – group decided Outdoor.

Next meeting May 22nd, group invited to Hindpool Nursery