

Dear Colleagues

Happy New[ish] Year!

I am writing to provide updates on key issues for Children in Care. These will also be discussed at our next Designated Teachers network meeting - 28th January 1-3 or 3-5 at the Bridge Centre.

#### **PUPIL PREMIUM BEST PRACTICE**

We are just under two years into the provision of Pupil Premium for Children in Care.

DfE have asked for feedback on the effective use of this funding and I am keen that we share the excellent work being done in Stoke schools to support our young people.

I would be delighted if you could send Mohammed [mohammed.azam@stoke.gov.uk] one or two brief case studies to show impact. I suggest about ten lines with:

1. Child's need
2. SMART PEP target
3. What you did
4. Impact - academic, social and emotional and inclusion.

#### **PUPIL PREMIUM DEADLINE**

The deadline for PP requests via PEP SMART targets to the VS is 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Because of year end we cannot extend this deadline.

#### **ATTACHMENT AWARE SCHOOLS**

Recent NICE guidance reinforces the importance of ensuring staff are trained to understand and support the needs of children with attachment difficulties arising from childhood trauma. Research suggests that such issues affect 40% of children in a typical school - so this is relevant to many children not in care. We have an excellent training programme for schools, which can be funded via Pupil Premium. We have further developed this programme and the attached outlines it. We will be discussing this at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on the 28th.

Regards

Tony