Information for Schools.


Dear Head teacher/principal,

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and LSC are working together on communications to inform you about the Framework for Excellence (FfE). The FfE is being piloted by over 100 schools and 22 Local Authorities. It is being developed to align with the School Report Card.

Enclosed with this letter is a short power point presentation with notes pages. The slides and notes provide an outline of the FfE, its purpose, who owns it, how it links with the School Report Card and of the pilot that commenced in September 2009.

The presentation is designed to provide you with an introduction to the FfE. We hope you will find the presentation useful to brief your management team, staff and governors.

The first publication of FfE results for all post-16 providers, including schools with sixth forms, is planned to take place in 2012.

Background

The Framework for Excellence is the Government’s performance assessment framework for schools, colleges and training providers which are currently funded by the Learning and Skills Council and in future be funded by the Skills Funding Agency, the Young People’s Learning Agency and Local Authorities.

The Framework is formed from a small set of performance indicators, covering success rates, views of learners, learner destinations and finance. Together, these will provide a balanced assessment of the performance of all providers.

The school sixth form and local authority pilot is sponsored by DCSF and BIS (the Department of Business Innovation and Skills). The Steering Group includes several head teachers and representatives from the Association of School and College Leaders, the Association of Directors of Children’s Services, the Local Government Association, the Association of Colleges, the Sixth Form Colleges’ Forum and Ofsted.
Further information
We will provide you with further briefings over the next few months.

Further information about the pilot can be found at the Pilot website found at http://ffe.lsc.gov.uk/schoolsixthformpilot/ and more general information about the Framework for Excellence can be found at http://ffe.lsc.gov.uk/.

If you have a specific enquiry, or have any comments or feedback about the presentation please email us at schoolandlapilot@lsc.gov.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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