Framework for Excellence School and LA Pilot News
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Reminder of Learner Surveys 2009/10 closure date

We are quickly approaching the end of the Learner Views survey period. By way of gentle reminder emails have been sent out to our key contacts within pilot schools giving them an update on the number of responses they have reached to date.

Those schools which have not yet started are strongly encouraged to begin promoting the survey to learners; we recommend all schools to encourage as many learners as possible to respond to the survey and to get more that the minimum number of responses suggested by the sample calculator to ensure a valid grade can be awarded.

The survey window will close on the 26th February 2010 and can be accessed using this link. If you are unsure of your schools Unique Reference Number (URN) please find a link to the edubase website or feel free to contact schoolandlapilot@lsc.gov.uk

High level time line – Update

Small amendments have been made to the high level time line, please note the updated key dates below -

- February 2010 – Pilot Interim Evaluation.
- March 2010 – User and Development Groups completed.
- May 2010 – Data analysis and performance indicator grades for pilot.
- June 2010 – End stage feedback events.
- September 2010 – Introduces new indicators as appropriate into schools.
Mock up potential FfE products

Attached to this issue of the Pilot News is a spreadsheet containing a series of three mock up products which we would like to share with you for comment. The products explore the potential ways in which Framework data could be communicated in the future. Please read the introductory page of the spreadsheet for further detail.

These products are still very much at the development stage and should be viewed with that in mind.

Please return any comments that you may have to schoolandlapilot@lsc.gov.uk

Pilot Interim Report

In order to provide a measure as to the robustness and fitness for purpose of Framework for Excellence (FfE) to school sixth forms, an independent evaluation of the schools pilot is required to look into the implementation of the FfE by school sixth forms and local authorities. The findings from the evaluation will be used to help DCSF, LSC and other stakeholders understand the issues around implementing the FfE in schools.

Issues to be addressed include

- The support that local authorities may need to implement the FfE.
- The processes for collecting and transmitting data and management Information for the indicators both from schools to the LSC and from the LSC to schools.
- The support that schools may need to use and understand the measures and how they link to the school's self evaluation.
- The extent to which the Performance Indicators are felt to be relevant and appropriate for use by schools.

York Consulting were selected to carry out the evaluation on our behalf. Thank you to those colleagues who have supported the evaluation by taking part in the interviews with York.

We are now approaching the end of the first phase of the evaluation and will soon share the findings from the interim evaluation report.

Briefing slides for schools and local authorities – Update

We are continuing to work together with DCSF colleagues to help inform both Schools and Local Authorities about the Framework for Excellence. We have produced two sets of slides with the intention of providing a communication tool for you to use and help inform colleagues. Attached to each slide are speaker notes to help support the communication.

The schools and local authority briefing slides are available to [view here](#). Please note further updates will be applied in the coming weeks.

Final User and Development Group Meetings

The final series of meetings will take place in March. In April our intention is to provide you with a series of reports from the group chairs capturing the key work that has been done in their groups. Minutes from recent meetings are also available and have been circulated to group members, if you would like to receive a copy please email schoolandlapilot@lsc.gov.uk
Please see the table below for more details of when your group is next due to meet.

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**Enquiries and Updates**

If you have any further enquiries please use our dedicated school and local authority mailbox. The e-mail address is schoolandiapilot@lsc.gov.uk. Future issues of *Pilot News* will include updates on:

- Learner Destinations and Learner Views
- Information on dissemination reports.
- The School Report Card

Kind regards

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