# Barnet Partnership for School Improvement (BPSI)

### What is BPSI?

BPSI is a school improvement traded service but it is far more than that. BPSI is a partnership of schools that effectively pool money each year to fund:

- 1. A quality training programme
- 2. Support in schools that impacts upon practice
- 3. Support to facilitate the exchange of good practice between schools

The partnership is steered by the BPSI Steering Group made up of 11 headteachers representing a variety of different types of schools.

The 'buy back' amount for each school to join BPSI is based on the number of pupils in the school; therefore some schools pay a relatively small amount while larger schools pay more.

## **Training Programme**

The BPSI Training Programme consists of more than 350 separate CPD events covering pedagogy, subject knowledge and leadership and management. Each autumn we arrange a residential conference for our Headteachers. Each spring term we arrange a residential conference for our deputy and assistant Headteachers.

BPSI schools have open access to the training programme. The current flyers for the training programme can be found by going to the home page of the BPSI website (www.bpsi.org.uk) and clicking on "View and Book BPSI Courses".

# Consultancy

At the beginning of the financial/partnership year, all BPSI schools are allocated a number of 'BPSI Hours' based on the number of pupils within the school. These hours can be used to source BPSI consultants to provide advisory work in schools. A full list of BPSI Consultants can be found on the Consultancy tab of our web-site.

## What is the Professional Development Exchange (PDE)?

Partnership Schools offer to provide access to a piece of good work. It could be a number of things offered for staff in other partnership schools to come and observe, such as a Learning Walk through a really good nursery provision, an outstanding teacher giving a literacy lesson, the effective use of IT, setting up a school Library etc. Unlike the training programme or consultancy in schools the Professional Development Exchange is not available to non BPSI schools.

The current PDE events can be found by going to the home page of the BPSI website and clicking on "View and Book BPSI Courses".

#### Members' Area

Another part of the BPSI website is our Members' Area. This is a secure area for BPSI schools with a variety of themed 'rooms'. There are subject rooms, a BPSI Home room and a BPSI Headteachers' room. It is in the BPSI Headteachers' room you will find details of the number of BPSI hours your school has either used or committed to using. This data allows you to keep a close watch on your BPSI hours so you can manage them more effectively.

If you need assistance to gain access to the Members' Area, e-mail the BPSI Support Team at <a href="mailto:sdtued.admin@barnet.gov.uk">sdtued.admin@barnet.gov.uk</a>

## **TheSchoolBus**

All BPSI member schools receive discounted access to of 'TheSchoolBus' service. TheSchoolBus provides users with resources and compliance guidance for all school management areas, from HR to Governance.

If you need assistance to gain access to TheSchoolBus service please e-mail the BPSI Support Team at <a href="mailto:sdtued.admin@barnet.gov.uk">sdtued.admin@barnet.gov.uk</a>

# Any Further Questions?

If you have any further questions, do contact either the BPSI Support Team or the BPSI Manager or take a look at our web-site www.bpsi.org.uk

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