

**Notes of the Workforce Agreement Monitoring Group
5 November 2008**

1 Birdcage Walk

Member attendees: ASCL, ATL, GMB, DCSF, NAHT, NASUWT, NEOST, UNISON, UNITE, VOICE, WAG

Other attendees: Minister of State for Schools and Learners, TDA, SSWG representatives

Policy and Implementation Updates:

- Partners agreed that Safeguarding will be discussed at the next WAMG meeting.
- DCSF provided a policy update to partners.
- Partners thanked the DCSF for the excellent organisation of the Partners "Bridge" event hosted by the DCSF.
- Welsh Assembly Government provided an update to partners.
- DCSF to send partners next week a summary of the status of the non compliant school and the escalation strategy.
- TDA provided an implementation update to partners.
- It was agreed to have a detailed Extended Services (ES) presentation to partners including feedback from the ES conference held on 5 November.
- NEOST, DCSF and TDA to have a discussion about employees representation on local social partnerships.

Support Staff Working Group (SSWG) Update

- SSWG representatives provided an update to partners on the SSWG.
- It was agreed to have a further update in the spring.

Minister of State for Schools and Learners

- The Minister answered questions (on coherence of DCSF policy, academies, IRU, future leadership) and provided an update on the autumn policy programme
- The Minister gave his commitment that there would be no changes to the National Agreement without partner consultation.
- NAHT and the Minister to have further discussions on future leadership and delivery chain coherence.
- The Minister agreed to come back to Full WAMG in the New Year.

Academies

- The Schools Commissioner provided an update and responded to questions.
- The Schools Commissioner said he would put partners concerns to Ministers
- The Schools Commissioner to provide the numbers of academies who have accepted national pay and conditions.

Children's Workforce Strategy

- DCSF lead policy provided an update.
- DCSF lead policy offered partners the opportunity to have bilaterals.

AOB

- DCSF to send the newly published Ofsted remodelling report to partners and partners to send in suggestions for a joint WAMG response by close on 10 November.
- DCSF/TDA to draft a joint response based on comments later in the week.
- The date of the next Full WAMG is 10 December.

