Ambassador meeting 1

Wednesday 08th July

In Attendance – Kierran (KP), Harrison (HF), Mason (MM), Gen (GY) Sophie (SR), Harry. A (HA), Harry. M (HM), Connell (CS)

Other names – Charlie (CL)

MM – Reach out speak out programme – Good timing just before Covid-19. Really helped boost confidence and many of the children who attended had bad experiences of school. CS asked if there were any plans to do this with different age groups? MM feels this would be a good idea. **KP to discuss this and the impact report further with both MM and CL in August.** HM asked if this could be used to help inform future training for both teachers and LSA’s to have a better understanding of SEND, MM agreed. **KP to include this during the conversation in August with MM and CL.** SR offered for any developments to go onto the Essex local offer (ELO) page. MM finished by explaining they also wanted to explore online delivery. **KP/MM/CL to discuss at the august meeting.**

SR – ELO – SR shared a presentation on the screen. SR spoke about how feedback regarding the EL0 had been mixed. Latest updates section has been added and SR asked what young people might want to see here? **KP to pick this back up with SR.** General updates of the ELO page have included making it easy to read. Comments have been made about it not always being ‘meaningful to young people’. New sections added have included information on Covid-19 and back to school information. SR has been producing a document about a new type of website for the ELO and children will need to be included in this. **KP to pick this back up with SR.** SR is happy for any of the ambassadors to be involved in the next stages - Sophie.Rice@essex.gov.uk . KP asked about the timescale for the new website but this is open right now. SR mentioned that they are looking at the possibility of including some type of mental health element within the page that could also be stand alone. CS is very interested in supporting this side of things. **KP to link SR and CS.**

HM – The MSC football club – HM gave an update on the MSC football club. The FA released guidance about 6 players in a bubble. Due to how hard it would be to socially distance some of our players the decision was made not to return just yet. Another meeting is planned for August to review this. GY asked if there could be a skills day alternative. **KP to discuss this with HM at the meeting in August. HM to think about other ways to engage our players.**

KP – Adapting – KP spoke about the different ways we have adapted during this period. KP asked the ambassadors for any further ideas. HM suggested virtual PE lessons. **HM to think of ideas and discuss this at the football meeting in August.** HF thinks some of the podcast episodes over the summer holidays should include content on reassuring CYP. **KP to take this into consideration when recording future episodes in series 3.**

KP – SEND navigators – An idea in the early stages of development involving the Essex Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS). KP gave an overview of the proposal. CS, HM & MM would like to be involved even if this is virtually due to underlying health conditions. GY thinks it sounds like a very positive idea especially in the current circumstances .**KP to add them to the engagement list and report back to SENDIASS.**

KP – Future plans – KP gave an update about our involvement with Essex County Council and the plans moving forward. KP reassured the ambassadors they will play a vital role moving forward even if KP is not involved in this county.

AOB – ALL – GY has linked us up with another group, KP in the process of setting up a meeting. GY would also like to follow up the idea of the new book in Hertfordshire. **KP to set up a meeting with Alex in Hertfordshire for September.** CS would like to build on our music group after the song we produced. **CS to bring ideas to the summer week workshop.** HM wants us to continue raising awareness about disabilities throughout the podcast. MM loved working with Clare and Val from ECC and thought the video they produced was positive. **SR to send over the link for the video.** HF would like to start a new youth club targeted at children with SEND and mental health difficulties as a way of making new friends. **HF to talk about the idea at the next ambassador meeting to gain more support and ideas.**

Next proposed ambassador meeting – **Thursday 3rd September, 6pm, Zoom**