**Minutes**

**Multi-schools meeting – NORFOLK**

**Monday 11th November 2019**

**In attendance – 21 children**

Hall school (Host/lead school)

Sprowston Infant school

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Our first ever Norfolk meeting, hosted by Hall special school in Norwich! Sprowston infant school made the short journey over to join the new strand. Every was welcomed and introduced which was a nice ice-breaker. We then looked at some of the work that had been achieved in Essex, discussed the idea behind the multi-school’s council and looked forward to what could potentially be achieved.

The new strand first discussed what type of event they would like to run this academic year to break down perceptions towards children with SEND. Inspiration had been taken from Essex but ideas included a craft/building event, some sort of singing event, a games day, a shared reading day across schools or a painting event where they could paint portraits of each other. Linda, who will be the lead for this strand, will look at what is most achievable this academic year. The group then had a break for drinks + biscuits and it was great to see so much interaction in the room!

After our break we looked at how this strand could move forward. What did the children want to achieve from this group, as they will decide the direction of this new Norfolk strand! The children would like to see shared assemblies, joint trips, a lunch meal together, singing of songs, something that could raise money, a cakes sale or something that involves dance. The direction of this new strand will also be managed by Linda.

Our final discussion point was how to include more schools (always the hardest part first!). The children want to write their own invites to other schools that could include a short poem about what we do, speak to siblings and get their schools involved, go and visit other schools and create posters. The two schools will look to utilize some of these ideas!

Our first ever star of the Norfolk strand was Ethan from hall school who was full of enthusiasm but was also really welcoming to everyone in the room, along with suggesting some great ideas!

**Next meeting – Monday 3rd February, time/venue TBC.**