**The Multi-schools meeting agenda**

**Minutes**

**Doucecroft Thursday 30th June**

**Chaired by Andrea (Doucecroft)**

**In attendance**

Doucecroft

Clacton County High

**Apologies –** Colchester Institute, The Colne, Essex SEND team, Essex social care, Stanway Secondary, St Helena

**Minutes**

Emma gave a talk on attendance

Reasons for non-attendance included

* Bullying
* Peer relationships
* Boredom
* No incentives
* Anxiety manifesting in illness

Ways to increase attendance

* Certificates
* Rewards – cinema trip etc
* Talking through issues with pastoral lead so similar
* Gaining pupil views is important
* Meetings with parents/school regularly (to nip in the bud)
* Safe places
* Favoured activities
* Brain breaks
* Interventions such as animals

Taylor gave a talk about how we should look after animals and how many dog, cat ect have been reported for animal cruelty ,pupils discussed all the agencies they can report Cruelty too ,pupils discussed 5 ways of caring and protecting animals the pupils had the opportunities to meet the therapy animals that belong to Doucecroft school

BREAK

*What could we do to make sure more young people have their voices heard?*

1. Having school council meetings
2. Pastoral team
3. Using Drawing and symbols
4. Parents and staff to listen even if they don’t agree with what they are saying
5. Pupil views and who could they share these with e.g Mandy and the wellbeing hub

Gender diversity – *How could we raise more awareness about this?*

1. Appointed person who they can talk too
2. A safe place to go at play time
3. Training to run groups
4. Educating parents, staff and other pupils
5. Talking to a variety of individuals about their own experiences and what gender meant to them, this is a better way to get a more balanced view then just searching on the internet
6. Teaching and listen is important
7. Being non-judgmental

**Next Meeting –** Friday 11th November 2022, Venue TBC, if you like to host please let us know ASAP

**Follow up points**

* Could you action any of the improving attendance ideas and then tell us about the impact of this?
* Can you share any good practice with us on educating about animal cruelty?
* Can you put in place any of the hearing from children’s ideas?