

Minutes

Virtual School MSC Meeting

Tuesday 14th March AM

In attendance

Pear Tree Mead

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It was great to have the opportunity to include one of our most engaged schools in this terms MSC meetings even though they were unable to attend in person. Our virtual meetings are important to connect different young people. Following the same agenda as the in-person meetings we started by asking how we could improve these meetings – both in person and virtual. There were just a couple of suggestions which were having more meetings and schools to have their own MSC folders to keep notes. Generally, the young people were happy with how the meetings work.

We then spoke about our book, and we could get more awareness out there. The group would like to see assemblies about the book, make sure schools are using it within PSHE lessons, have a focus week on the book and launch an illustration competition. All ideas will be included alongside the other virtual meeting later today. After this discussion we moved straight on to discussing the importance of physical exercise. The group felt it was important for mental health, it helps build understanding about sport, it gets you outside and in the fresh air and helps people to find a new hobby. We really were on a roll here so next up we discussed how to build confidence, motivation, and resilience in school. We heard about clubs helping young people to be themselves, booster lessons helping and going over the same lessons again can really help too. We will be sharing this bit of feedback with our employment teams.

Our final discussion was about the MSC video we are planning for the new academic year. As part of the plan for the video the group would like to see:

- Explain how our meetings work
- What do we do?
- How do we do it?
- Why do we do it?
- Capture the MSC meetings
- Get young people to talk about how they have overcome challenges
- Make sure people with autism and ADHD are included
- Use some sort of acronym throughout the film
- Make sure staff speak too
- Include our mascot (if they are ready!)

- See if we can get all the schools into one place
- Why they joined the MSC

A plan will be drawn up around Easter time this year. The group were a fantastic bunch to chat to and we made all of them stars for this meeting – well done Pear Tree Mead!