

## **Schools Standards Monitoring Group**

### **Terms of Reference**

Denbighshire's School Standards Monitoring Group was set up in October 2007 to support the improvement of school standards. The Group gives headteachers and Chairs of governors the opportunity to discuss the performance and standards of a school with Councillors and senior officers in a non-public forum.

#### **Membership of the Group:**

Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Education  
Deputy Lead Member for Education  
Chair of Resources Scrutiny  
Chair of Lifelong Learning Scrutiny  
Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Member  
Corporate Director – Resources  
Head of School Improvement  
Head of Partnership and Inclusion  
Appropriate School Improvement Officer – depending on school in attendance  
Head of Planning and Performance (Lifelong Learning)  
Policy and Performance Manager (Administration of the Group)  
Senior Performance Officer (Administration of the Group)


The Group will:

Monitor the performance of every school on a 3 yearly basis or more frequently as the Group deems appropriate.

1. Consider the following information:
  - Key stage results
  - Other attainment information
  - Attendance
  - Exclusions rate
  - School context
2. Receive a verbal presentation from the Headteacher on the context of the school and school standards.
3. Question the Headteacher and Chair of Governors in relation to school standards
4. Identify areas of good practice and support its dissemination.
5. Identify areas and actions for improvement
6. Provide Headteachers and Chairs of Governors the opportunity to comment on the support received from the Council.

Each school who is invited to attend SSMG will be asked to complete a proforma containing information on their school.

Following the meeting, notes and action points from the meeting will be circulated to all members of the Group. The appropriate School Improvement Officer will



visit the school to go through the action points. The School Improvement Officer will then attend the next SSMG to update the Group on how the actions have / will progress.

Issues raised through SSMG will be included as part of the Quarterly Performance Report taken to Lifelong Learning Scrutiny. The Leader will provide verbal reports to Cabinet, DMT and the Modernising Education Board as appropriate.