



Southampton Parent Carer Forum Update – March 2023

What have we achieved since the start of the year?

- Successfully re-branded to reflect the new independent status of the forum
- Range of events with positive feedback for events
- Gathered a range of feedback on variety of topics from families to feed in to various working groups eg H2ST, Ofsted self-evaluation, short breaks review
- Delivered training in a number of topics including parents voice for autism in schools project, developing understanding with a focus on parent carers for transport team

What's coming up

- SEND Family fun day on 6th April
- Recruitment drive for both parent reps and steering group
- Continuing work on max Cards, Local offer, H2ST, Ordinarily available provision
- Continued presence on various strategic groups eg community inclusion, carers partnership, short break monitoring groups
- Consultations with families around SEN school reconfigurations along with SEND team
- Some specific and targeted events at BAME communities and others for areas with high levels of poverty

Challenges

- Recruitment
- Working on CIC status
- Funding to run more activities for families
- Finding professionals to deliver sessions to families on specific needs eg sleep