



South Tyneside Council

Date: 27th July 2018
Our Ref: FOI 18 19884

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Dear Mr Faulkner

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on the 20th July 2018

Your request asked for the following information:

Your Request

I wish to make a formal request under the freedom of information act to obtain information for school cluster groups including if available, the cluster chairs that are within your local authority.

Please advise the following information please:

The cluster group names and how many schools are comprised within them
Contact information for the cluster chairs or coordinators
Any scheduled meeting dates for 2019

Council's Response

There are 4 cluster groups. All primary and special schools are allocated a cluster group and they all receive the minutes from the meetings.

The four cluster leads are as follows;

Area 1: Gemma Jeynes (Head Teacher, Valley View and Hedworthfield Federation - contact Valley View Primary school 0191 424 9977)

Area 2: Michelle Collinson (Head Teacher, Biddick Hall Junior School - contact details 0191 536 2186)

Area 3: Jo Atherton (Head Teacher Lord Blyton Primary School - contact details: 0191 424 0550)

Area 4: Michael McCarthy (Head Teacher Ridgeway Primary Academy- contact details 0191 455 2865)

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There is a Cluster chair meeting (attended by Local Authority) on September 12th 9.30am

The agenda for the cluster meetings is agreed and any feedback from previous meetings discussed

Each cluster group then meets together

The autumn term meetings are arranged (spring and summer meetings are not yet agreed)

Area 1 – Tuesday 9 October 2018 at 10.00am in Sue Hedley Nursery (16 schools in the cluster)

Area 2 - Tuesday 9 October 2018 at 4pm at Biddick Hall Junior School. (16 schools in the cluster)

Area 3 - Tuesday 9 October 2018. Venue to be arranged. (10 schools in the cluster)

Area 4 - Tuesday 9 October 2018 at 10.30am in Westoe Crown Primary School (9 schools in the cluster)

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If you have any further queries about this matter then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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