

Portsmouth Education Partnership (PEP)

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Education landscape in Portsmouth

- 26,000 children of school age 4 - 16
- 61 state funded schools of which:
 - 46 primary schools
 - 9 secondary schools
 - 1 all through school (Mayfield)
 - 1 University Technical College (UTC Portsmouth)
 - 4 special schools
- 92% of schools are judged by Ofsted to be good or better
- Nearly 70% of state schools are academies and run by 13 Multi Academy Trusts (mix of national, regional and local trusts)
- 5 independent schools
- 1 GFE College (City of Portsmouth College – result of merger of two colleges in August 2021)
- 1 university (University of Portsmouth)

How it started

- Feb 2016 – new DCS and Deputy of Director for Education appointed
- April 2016 – critical Ofsted inspection of the LA's school improvement arrangements
- Proactive stand taken by the LA on academisation encouraging all schools to consider joining a strong MAT
- LA stepped away from school improvement outsourcing it to the local Teaching School Alliance
- Nov 2016 – Portsmouth Education Partnership established www.portsmoutheducationpartnership.co.uk
- Evolved over time with greater involvement of MATs
- Pandemic has xxxx

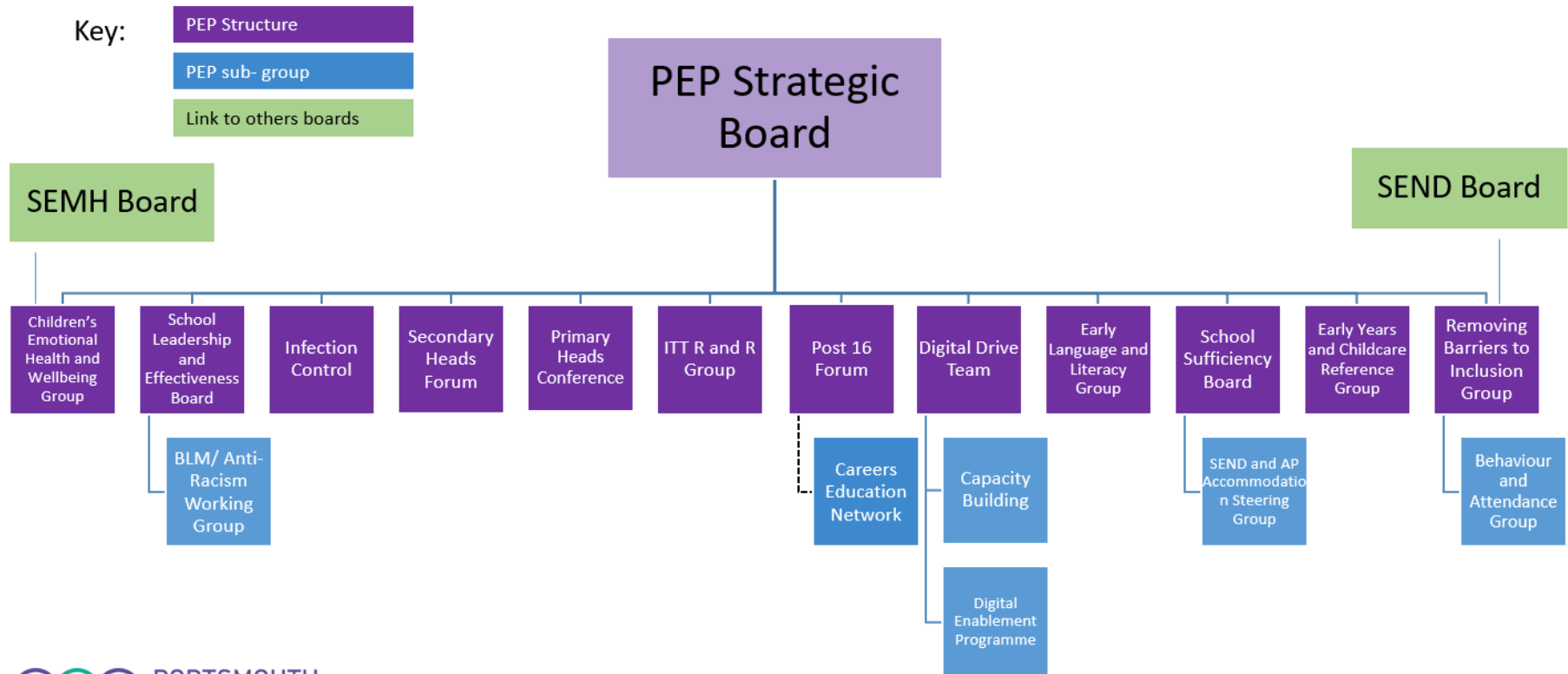
Distinctive features of the PEP



- Independent chair – funded by the LA and the 13 MATs
- No membership fee
- PEP Partnership Manager
- Clear vision and 3 year strategy – 10 strategic priorities but with a current focus on 4:
 - Digital learning
 - Improving literacy outcomes
 - Improving attendance and reducing fixed term exclusions
 - Peer review
- Governance and structure:
 - Strategic Board
 - 12 sub groups chaired by school leaders
- PEP performance dashboard

PEP governance and structures

PEP Structure September 2021



Final reflections - factors that have contributed to its development and success

- Clarity about the role of the LA
- Independent chair, sub groups led by school leaders
- Understanding the drivers for school improvement
- Shared values, vision and priorities
- Organic development – evolving not prescriptive
- ‘A congregation not a gym membership’
- Communications / branding – PEP website, Teach Portsmouth website, weekly PEP bulletin, annual conference
- Proving value through action