

June 2011

Dear Colleagues

Since my last communication we have seen "Walk to School" week, "Mental Health Awareness" week, and most recently "Child Safety" week. I was delighted to hear that our Sure Start Children's Centres in St Columb and Newquay supported Child Safety Week by highlighting possible hazards for babies and young children when outdoors. Additionally the Flashpoint Lifeskills Centre in Bodmin, part of Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service's community safety team, offered free safety courses for parents of pre-school children as part of Child Safety Week. Parents of young children were invited to book a place at one of six sessions held over 21, 22 and 23 June at Flashpoint, Cornwall's exciting interactive learning centre.

The Improvement Board met in early June and I am pleased to report that the Chair and our partners are positive about our progress. We have continued to work with the Improvement Board to produce information which evidences our progress and development since the Inspection. Our improvement programme continues at pace and I have been very impressed with all of our Children's Trust members commitment and support both strategically and operationally so thank you for this.

Neil Burden and I are delighted to note the top marks for outstanding secondary schools in Cornwall. Nine out of Cornwall's 31 schools are currently judged as outstanding by Ofsted inspectors, giving Cornwall one of the highest proportions of outstanding secondary schools in the country. The grading takes into account not only achievements of pupils, but quality of teaching, care and guidance as well as happiness and wellbeing of all pupils and learners. This is why achieving outstanding is of particular note. We would like to congratulate all those who have been working to achieve this and also acknowledge and encourage those other schools who continue to aim high and are working hard towards this for future accolades.

I am looking forward to meeting with you on the 18th July at the Children's Trust seminar – if you have not yet booked a place please do so by contacting childrenstrust@cornwall.gov.uk. Details can be found on the [Children's Trust website](#).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trevor Doughty".

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