



Name: Peter Cohen

Current Position: Executive Headteacher, Oak Bank School & The Academy of Central Bedfordshire

Designation: National Leader of Education

Statement

I am presently the Executive Headteacher of Oak Bank School and The Academy of Central Bedfordshire.

I have been the Headteacher of Oak Bank School, an Outstanding (Ofsted 2015 & 2019) special school for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health as their primary need for 16 years. I became the Executive Headteacher of Oak Bank in 2013 when I also took leadership responsibility for The Academy of Central Bedfordshire; an Alternative Provision Free School in 2013.

I am a National Leader of Education.

I have also Chaired the Central Bedfordshire Special School Leaders' group for the last two years.

My experience has enabled me to work with new leadership teams and support Governing bodies in relation to SEND and specifically SEMH.

I have supported Local Authorities and Trusts in applications for Free Schools and helped prepare for Ofsted as well as supporting the school improvement processes.

I am committed to school to school support and developing system leadership.

I understand the challenges in terms of accountability measures, budgets and the recruitment issues that senior leaders in schools face.

I believe that the 25 years' experience of working in special schools and being a leader for 16 years leaves me well placed to offer professional support and advice.