

## **Aims**

- **To maximise the achievement, wellbeing and wider outcomes for the most vulnerable children who have special educational needs and disabilities in society.**
- **To develop networks and partnerships across the country to support leaders in special education.**
- **To enhance the knowledge and skills of leaders in special education.**
- **To influence the local and national agenda.**

We want our input to be lasting, creating a legacy and a platform for sustained quality and improvement in a way that recognises the rights, joys and dignity of the young people we work with.

We want to be a force for good - with high expectations and a big heart.

### ***To achieve its aims, the FLSE will...***

- Facilitate co-operation and collaboration between members, schools, regions and the DfE, to help shape and deliver SEND policy.
- Collaborate and broker opportunities with other professional bodies serving the SEND sector
- Focus on delivering the benefits to and outcomes for the children and young people in our care
- Champion the 21<sup>st</sup> Century School as an 'outward facing centre of excellence and expertise'
- Build membership and provide support, guidance and direction to leaders within special schools and across the 'broad church' of SEND provision
- Develop true 'succession planning'... finding the leaders of tomorrow and guiding those who aspire to be leaders
- Promote the professional development of leaders
- Provide a forum for mutual support by the sharing and dissemination of knowledge, good practice, skills and understanding of educational matters

### ***FLSE Services...***

- Providing practical advice and guidance on school leadership and management through the sharing of exemplary materials and services provided by members and/or commissioned by the FLSE
- Sign posting members to 'good practice' and helpful links
- Securing a strong national presence and voice which is responsive to the expectations of the regional membership
- Representing members at the national/governmental level in building and refining policy and practice
- Engaging members through a dynamic communications and information service.