

Minutes 7th July 2023

Present: Cathy, Cristina, Mark, Larry, Darra, Gaye

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Purpose: Catch up from Ofsted

Prayer to begin

Cathy informed the governors that the information is confidential. We should get the report in around 18 days so it could be at the end of Summer or beginning of Autumn Term. Described as a Section 8 ungraded inspection. It did not turn into a section 5.

Strengths

Safeguarding was very tight. Drilled into policies and procedures surrounded alternative provision. Safeguarding a strength.

Personal Development came out as a core strength.

Strong Leadership identified.

Strong SENCO making sure the curriculum is tailored to individual needs.

Leaders of the curriculum areas dived into - Maths and History came out strong. The intent for this curriculum was strong too.

What we need to work on:

Inconsistencies with behaviour. Behaviours in some of the classrooms around learning behaviours.

Above 80% in all areas on the parent survey. Some comments are damning around behaviour. Created case studies around particular children.

Addressing low level disruption now with teachers. Revisiting our behaviour policy to see how we can be more consistent in our approach.

We are looking at the curriculum implementation. He looked in books and there isn't the quality to match the intent that is ambitious. The inspector picked up on the misconceptions in books when marked incorrectly.

These are what we expected.

The Early Years was not seen as good. The inspector identified that the children are not Year 1 ready. There have been some mixed messages. There is a need for the Reception children to be having more formal learning.

The result is that we will have another graded inspection in 2 years.

We spoke about the staff and the need to look after the staff in Early years. Cathy is looking after Amy and the team are already thinking about the improvements they can make.

Reading was a strength across the school and Amy is the Early Reading Lead. The only thing that came out from reading was that the girls were a bit giggly in Year 6.

Cristina commented on the Hlstory curriculum and how impressed she is with the design and that she felt really confident in the curriculum.

Gaye said about getting a banner to say it is a good school.
The governors felt that staff have

Gaye questioned when governors can come to Ofsted feedback. There were questions over the blurb as it read like he wanted to meet governors and then there wasn't a need to.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Clarke", with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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