

EAST FARLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL



Governing Body report 2015 - 2016

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Following the last Ofsted inspection rating East Farleigh Primary School as 'Good' in all areas, we have been keen to build upon strengths and develop the school further. Our on-going aim is to address areas for development as indicated in the report or highlighted by our own school self-evaluation. The school self-evaluation considers feedback received from all staff, children and parents during the course of the year, this is then used to develop a school improvement plan for the following year. The current school plan focusses on the following areas.

In attainment we will be continuing to focus on sustained and accelerated progress, maintaining or increasing the levels of expected or greater than expected progress and ensuring that data is consistent with no significant gaps in the performance of the potentially vulnerable groups.

With regard to teaching and learning we will focus on monitoring our staffing structure, maintaining our levels of good teaching and increasing the levels of 'Outstanding', working with the children to develop independent learning and implementing a programme that develops individual learning skills. This year we focus on reading comprehension, formative assessment and outdoor education.

Leadership and management will continue to focus on promoting a good outcome to the next inspection. The leadership team will continue to build on the strengths of this year, sustaining and developing a newly established team of teachers, developing the role of new governors in evaluating school performance and securing middle leadership whilst developing class teachers as curriculum leaders. We ensure that pupils are fully engaged in their learning.

Staff development will include Safeguarding and SEN and we will be continuing to work with pupils, parents and staff to develop our behaviour and attendance policies. We will ensure all safety arrangements are kept under regular review and maintain safeguarding and first aid training. We have ensured that there is more than one Designated Safeguarding Lead so that one is always present during school hours.

The DfE have recently reinforced the need 'to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs'. The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, and these values have been reinforced recently. At East Farleigh we promote these values in the following ways. (link removed)

The Governing Body has a code of conduct that they operate by in addition to a staff code of conduct and a code of conduct for parents. The code of conduct documents form the basis upon which members of the school community are expected to behave. This is in order to provide a safe and friendly environment in which children are happy and confident and feel supported and able to express themselves. All parents of new entrants are asked to sign the code of conduct as part of the enrolment procedure. Current parents are asked to adhere to Parent Code of Conduct (link removed)

The Governing Body has a good record of attendance at meetings and we have never cancelled a meeting because it was not quorate.

Governing Body attendance figures this year are:

Full Governing Body Meetings 80%

Strategy Team Meetings 100%

Teaching and Learning Team Meetings 77%

Resources Team Meetings 60%