

Prior Heath Infant School



Status confirmed 2010!

27th April 2017

School Development Planning meeting, 22nd March 2017

On behalf of the Governing body I would like to thank those that attended the School Development Planning (SDP) meeting in March. Each year we hold the SDP meeting which brings together Governors, staff and parents to look at the development priorities for the school over a one year period and beyond. This is a valuable opportunity for exchange of opinions and ideas among the key stakeholders in the school to ensure that the development and progress of the school is maintained whilst also highlighting the latest initiatives.

The SDP is designed to define the action plans for areas that we need to improve and also the strategy for sustaining the current standards within the resources that are available to the school. Typically a school of our size can address improvements in about 15% of its activities and maintain the remaining 85%. These plans are reflected into objectives for the staff and Governors, and provide the basis for the Governing Body to support the school in achieving its targets.

Key external influences this year include the higher expectations for pupils to achieve at the end of Key Stage 1 due to new curriculum in KS1, Pupil Premium funding, Sports Premium, Ofsted changes – latest in September 2016 and the continuing consideration of the role of academy status.

In order to identify the way ahead, the SDP meeting sought input from all the parents and pupils on their perception of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats faced by the school, supplemented by the results of the 2016 parental survey, the Reception survey, school council and comments from the staff and children. Based on the various survey results, it was clear that there was a high degree of parental satisfaction with the school, however a number of exciting and innovative ideas emerged for further consideration.

From the inputs that were gathered, three key areas were identified for detailed analysis from working groups at the meeting.

Primary PE & Sports funding: Ideas for how to use potential new funding were discussed and a number of suggestions were put forward for consideration.

Eco-schools: Discussing the way forward and identifying action areas and adult volunteer support for initiatives to achieve Green Flag status.

School website: To help in addressing parents information needs and accessibility of information.

These ideas will now be considered for inclusion in the School Development Plan for 2017-18, and we will report back on the results during the year as part of the regular Governing Body report. Once again many thanks to all those who participated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martyn Keates'.

Martyn Keates
Chair of Governors