

Governor's visit – Curriculum focus : 19.3.2019.
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Karyn has already briefed me in an earlier visit about the school's intention to develop a curriculum based upon being responsive to pupils needs. This was due to the fact that the school is now catering for a wide variety of ability and health issues with each age range. Since my visit last year, this has developed into a curriculum which is much more bespoke, taking the specific needs of the child into planning before working on next steps. Titles of the areas were changed, Personal Intention Maps were used and new schemes of work were drawn up.

However, some of the staff attended CPD on an intervention; Social Communication, Emotional Regulation, Transactional Support (SCERTS). They found this really helpful, and came to the conclusion that the most significant features in the school were in fact communication socially and emotional development. The staff therefore wanted to know how they could use the features of this training within the new curriculum, as it made complete sense.

The staff continued to look at 'INTENT, IMPLEMENTATION & IMPACT', combining the focus of 'Quality of Education' in the New Ofsted Framework. As the school has such a breadth of challenges, both physically, mentally and in academic ability (from high achieving to low, within the same year group often), it seemed extremely important to establish a curriculum that was led by the needs of the child.

NEXT STEPS:

By September, the school will have used iASEND for a year, and used the information to support the implementation of this bespoke curriculum for individuals and groups of children.

The staff are now looking at concepts, understanding and knowledge within foundation subjects, with pathways through which match pupil learning needs. Pupils will follow a curriculum pathway according to their stage of attainment.

A further visit in September 2019 will look specifically at the implementation and progress of these plans within school, and their effectiveness.

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Governor