

Record of Visit

Visit made on 22 June 2021 to New Park Junior provision, by Beverley Owens (CEO The Sovereign Trust) and David Hardcastle (School Improvement Provider/ Ofsted Inspector)

Context: Follow up visit to KS2 review on 23 June 2020

Met with Nicola Webster KS2 Lead Practitioner and Laura Clegg Assistant Head and KS2 Senior Lead.

Key Areas of Focus of that review were:

- Attendance for all pupils in KS2
- Curriculum offer to meet academic, SEMH, attachment and early life trauma needs
- Therapeutic support for pupils and its impact on achievement and well-being

An action plan has been updated and targets met successfully.

Attendance for all pupils maintained at above 90% pre and post Covid.

Curriculum Intent has been carefully planned and details contained in a written document.

Therapeutic Strategy is very well planned, baselines and sensory profiles for all pupils have been undertaken followed up with IBPs for all pupils.

During this time the Covid pandemic proved to be a challenging time for some families and has had a significant affect upon the emotional wellbeing of some pupils and their parents/carers. Despite the challenges that staff faced (and continue to face as restrictions not yet lifted) the warm welcoming ethos promotes a stimulating learning environment. Pupils were all engaged in their groups and knew exactly what they were learning about and the expectations at the end of the lesson.

Good, well-structured learning provision providing rich, varied and imaginative experiences for all children were in evidence throughout. The wide range of abilities and individual special needs were clear to see but all staff work hard to meet the complex needs of all children in their care and differentiation was clearly a very important element in ensuring that pupils remained engaged, could achieve but were stretched and challenged in a supportive environment. They knew where to find the scaffolding they needed to complete the tasks.

The lead teacher Nicola Webster speaks confidently and with knowledge and understanding of the curriculum on offer and has a good handle on data and of the implications of that data on classroom practice. She has worked tremendously hard to develop intent, implementation and impact statements for all foundation subjects and has revisited the National Curriculum to ensure relevant subject coverage

Progression of skills has been addressed and a cross curricular approach to learning is being fostered. Assessment opportunities are also built in and the use of 'age expected objectives' is excellent practice.

Nicola Webster outlined her plan for next steps for the curriculum as learning more about computing. They already deliver a good package to cover this area of the curriculum but she feels that she could make it more engaging and has embarked upon a course herself to understand more about the subject in order to be able to deliver a more exciting and practical computing curriculum. This demonstrates her commitment and drive towards providing a high quality learning environment for the KS2 pupils.

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