

Governor Curriculum visit 3 May 2018

A group of governors met the HT to discuss developments relating to improving the leadership of the curriculum.

What did we do?

We looked at different strands of the plan and we asked about progress of the plan and impact of any training. We also looked at some of the co-ordinators' files in English and Science and saw examples of work in Science, which was useful.

Links to School Improvement Plan/Post-Ofsted Plan

LM2 p15 CPD so far and impact , action plans.

LM3 p17 key skills work and data analysis.

LM5 p19 impact of training for subject leaders and update on progress of their plans for their areas.

What did we learn?

We learned that the Monitoring group (LA and Diocese) advised that school should develop a few leaders this year (E,M and Sc) and continue to develop Foundation Subject leaders throughout next year. However, there is the expectations that all leaders will prepare a report for the June GB meeting about their area. This will also include assessment data. Key Performance Indicators, linked to the National Curriculum, have been developed for all areas and these are on the school website. Co-ordinators have looked at different aspects to establish their plan eg MFL carried out a skills audit. We also learnt that all co-ordinators would develop a teaching and learning file; this would include how the subject might be taught to all abilities eg how to support learning in SEN and how to extend the most able.

CPD has been provided by Gateshead LA and staff have also visited other schools. This has had a positive impact as leaders are taking control of their work instead of waiting for direction. They have a clearer understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

Positive comments?

The co-ordinators are now more confident in their areas and less reliant on SLT. Their plans are developed and staff are writing their reports for governors. Co-ordinators are also using a newly developed monitoring sheet for their learning walks. Dates for actions had been met.

Any questions?

We asked whether the LT was happy that all leaders were able to develop their area effectively. It was felt that this was happening. We also asked who monitors the subject area plans; the co-ordinators will do this. All plans should be completed by September after assessment has taken place.

Future visits

It will be very useful to have the reports for the GB meeting in June. It would also be useful to see Foundation Subjects in class as part of a learning walk.