

Reporting a Governor visit to Kea School

Name	SIMONE STEVENS	Date	12 November 2018
Purpose of visit To meet and introduce myself to the year 2 Teaching Staff as the year 2 Governor.			
Links with the School Improvement Plan/ 20 Questions Are we as effective as we could be? Are we properly engaged with the school community?			
Governor Observations and Comments I met with Mr Carey for 45 mins in the Year 2 classroom whilst the children were having a PE lesson in the hall. It was a very positive meeting and Mr Carey reported that the job share with Mrs McPherson was working well and that they had very good communication generally by phone and by email. He said that they often 'bounce' ideas off one another and use one another as a sounding board, that if they have a subject matter related query they go to the specialist, either Mrs Green for maths or Mrs Olive for literacy. Mr Carey said that he feels well supported as a new member of staff and is being mentored by Rebecca Olive and that he felt very comfortable seeking advice from her as he required. He made a particular point of stating how accessible the Head Teacher is to him and how supportive she had been in his first half term. He is enjoying his new job and is very happy to be the year 2 teacher at Kea. We discussed his previous experience and he informed me that he is new to KS1 and his previous experience is with KS2, but that he was enjoying the new role and felt that it was a positive that he was teaching a younger age group and one that he had not taught before – a fresh challenge and a learning opportunity for him. We had a discussion about adult resource in the classroom and he felt that there was adequate support from the TAs and that the children who need additional assistance were able to access it.			
Behaviour Whilst I was with Mr Carey I did not have any contact with the children but I did observe 10 minutes of the PE lesson that was being run by Mr Cotterill and Mrs Leverton. Mr Cotterill was giving the children clear and robust instruction to an interesting challenge where the he rolled a dice and the children had to keep the same amount of contact with the ground as the number reflected on the dice – i.e if the dice totalled 6, a pair of children had to discuss, and then agree, how to keep six points of contact with the ground. The majority of the children in the class showed excellent behaviour and great enthusiasm for the lesson. The few children who were not listening properly were promptly dealt with, sanctioned, put back to task and then praised when they achieved the learning objective. I witnessed good behaviour and strong behaviour management throughout this lesson.			
Safeguarding. No safeguarding points to raise from this visit.			

Any issues for the governing body

I asked Mr Carey if he could identify any resources that would be useful in Year 2. Whilst he could not bring any to mind at the meeting, he confirmed that he would speak with Mrs McPherson and that they would come back to me with any suggestions. It was a pleasure to meet Mr Carey and to get to know the Year 2 children. I will meet with Mrs McPherson over the next few weeks and do my best to keep abreast of happenings in Year 2.