

## **Reporting a Governor visit to Kea School**

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### **Purpose of Visit:**

To attend a meeting of the Leadership and Management team as governor with responsibility for leadership.

### **Links with the School Improvement Plan:**

With reference to 'Governors' Twenty Questions' N0 11 (Accountability of the executive: Do we understand the school's performance data well enough to properly hold the school leaders to account?)

### **Governor observations and comments**

- All members of the L&M team were present (KW, CG, JW, and RO)
- Items on the agenda included data tracking and an update on maths from, CG
- Some issues with data tracking were identified, particularly regarding progress and maths in particular was a concern. Some explanation was provided by CG who pointed out that some performance indicators are more highly weighted than others which potentially skews data.
- Scrutiny of a few books identified that progress is evident in all classes but the tracking system has yet to demonstrate this.
- It was agreed not to make any changes to assessment systems as this might not give a clear picture of progress.
- It was agreed to trial the use of Abacus assessment in three classes in the summer term and if successful to introduce it in all classes in the autumn term.

Overall it was a very productive meeting with opportunity for all to contribute. What the meeting did highlight was that the L&M team were fully aware that the tracking system was identifying some particular issues regarding progress but they were putting into place some practices to tackle the issues.

The meeting was minuted.

### **Any issues for the governing body**

An update on the Abacus assessment and whether it was considered successful enough to be introduced to all classes.