<u>Upperwood Academy – Governors' Week</u>

Week Commencing 19/11/18

Upperwood Academy Governor Visit Report

Name	Kath Williams
Date of Visit	28/11/2019
Focus of Visit	Observing newly employed teacher
Classes / Staff Visited	Class 1
Summary of activities, e.g. observing classes, talking to staff and pupils, looking at resources, had lunch, etc.	
Observing classes; pupils using the Jolly Postman as a nucleus to their curriculum.	
What I learned as a result of my visit	
A newly qualified teacher is being well supported and shows confidence and a strong knowledge of the curriculum. She is very dedicated and focused on learning. Sarah is enthusiastic and obviously enjoys her job and Miss Hayhurst and her work well together. The areas of learning were clear. Outdoor provision was good with the Jolly Postman theme and various literacy activities evident.	
Positive comments about the focus	
The increase in numbers in FS this year doesn't seem to have affected quality. Good team ethic. It was difficult to accept that Sarah was a newly qualified teacher!	
Aspects I would like clarified / questions I have	
How they group pupils? How activities are rotated. What are the days like? I met with Penny Hayhurst after my observation and these and other questions were answered by her.	
Any other comments & link to governor decisions.	
Superb atmosphere – children on task, engaging. Recruitment process again seems to have been successful.	
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(Governor)

(Principal / Coordinator)