

#### Trust Vision: Promoting Professional Excellence School Vision: Persevere + Believe + Learn = Achieve



#### **Local Governing Body – ACTION PLAN**

Name: Springfield Junior School Ipswich Date: September 2022 to July 2023

To ensure the Local Governing Body fulfil the 3 core functions of Governance from the Governance handbook, DfE March 2019. This plan to be review at LGB meeting termly for Impact and Next Steps.

Priority 1: Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

Objectives	Action	Timelines	Monitoring	Outcomes (Termly Review)
To monitor the effectiveness of the School Vision to promote high quality Learning and Teaching. School Vision: Persevere + Believe + Learn = Achieve	To ensure the vision is embedded into Curriculum. Also, the vision is key to the reward policy. All staff to support this approach.	Termly	Monitoring Mornings all Governors.	Autumn Term 2022 The school vision is part of the new Teaching, Learning and Curriculum policy. In this policy, the school vision has been updated and relevant to the new policy. The vision is also part of the rewards system.
To promote successful breaks and lunches for all and increasing the role of school houses by developing activity in place, and supporting friendships and positive interactions within and between year groups. (Key Priority 7 SDP)	Regular updates to Governors. Updates through Head's report. Attendance at family events/observations of breaks/lunches Meeting with school council	Termly	LGB meeting  Attendance tracked by Safeguardin g Governor Monitoring mornings all Governors	Autumn Term 2022 During an interview at the Monitoring morning in November with the Social Council they said:  School Council voted to take away break time barriers set up during Covid.  A questionnaire to pupil to find out what activities they would like at lunchtime.  After school clubs and lunchtime activities the pupils enjoy: basketball, football, squash, dance, theatre, dance, running, song and street dance.
		Termly		Summer Term 2023 Monitoring visit by Governors in June 2023 to observe the effect of the OPAL lunchtime activities  Strengths





Staffing 3 dinner assistants inside and 6 outside.
Different creative activities available for all pupils such as:
Canopy Area
Kitchen items
Dressing up
Small world
Soft toys
• Crafts
Hangout zone
Den building
<u>In Playground</u>
Relax area
• Hangout
Ball game zones such as tennis and other games
Table football
Baseball
Hula hoops
Balance beams
Skipping ropes
• Scrooters
• Lego
Toy cars
Chalk area
At the end of the section Music for clearing up. Very effective.



				Pupils were having fun and being creative with the resources. Year group mixing with other groups. All equipment has been donated.
To continue to develop effective support for staff and pupils' mental health and wellbeing, including offering a range of extra-curricular activities, and raising aspirations for the future. (Key Priority 8 SDP)	Regular updates to Governors - behaviour incidents analysis and pupil perceptions Updates through Head's report.	Termly	Mental health Governor.  LGB meetings	Autumn Term 2022 At the LGB Standards meeting in September, the Headteacher presented the SMHL 2 Year Strategic Plan for the school.  Spring Term 2023 Monitoring visit by Wellbeing Governor.  Pupils  Many school actions show an appreciation for current difficulties faced by parents. For example, the book swap for World Book Day, the gift swap for Christmas and the nearly new clothes sale.  Staff have an understanding of children's issues and difficulties and try to understand the reasons behind behaviour.  Inclusion Award support what is in place for SEND pupils and review provision.  Staff  The change in curriculum has increased workload but the school is ensuring that support by giving additional planning time and meeting time, and not bringing in anything else new.  Google forms are used to gather feedback from staff and identify any general issues or individuals for further support.  There are two mental health first aiders who support both pupils and staff. They send out regular advice to staff around key issues such as anxiety and sleep.  The change in registration from September 2023 will not cause additional workload as pupils arrive from 8.30 for a soft start.  Summer Term 2023  Governors observed the pupils enjoying the OPAL lunchtime activities to promote mental health and wellbeing.
To ensure all stakeholders are familiar with the rights respecting curriculum through a range of	Government/Trustee updates from Deputy Head.	Termly	Monitoring Mornings all Governors.	Autumn Term 2022  During an interview during the Monitoring morning in November with the Social Council they said:

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activities and use these to support actions and respect for others. (Key Priority 6 SDP)	Updates through Headteacher reports on a termly basis. Progress updates through Chair/Heads meetings Rights Leader presentation to Governors — talk through ongoing changes and activity Key Focus during one of the monitoring mornings - learning walk/staff and pupil perceptions	Termly	LGB meetings	•	They understand that every child has a right. This is visual in all classrooms, Our School Charter (right to: learn, respect, healthy, treated equally, be safe, relax, play and join variety of groups)  They have a right to be able to learn.
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### Priority 2: Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff

Objectives	Action	Timelines	Monitoring	Outcomes (Termly Review)
To introduce a range of strategies to develop phonological knowledge, develop comprehension skills and a thirst for reading. (Key Priority 1 SDP)	Updates through Headteacher reports on a termly basis including reading assessment data Progress updates through Chair/Heads meetings Subject Leader meeting — Leaders to talk through ongoing changes and activity Key Focus during one of the monitoring mornings - observation of sessions/staff and pupil perceptions	Termly  Monthly  Monthly  Termly	Monitoring Mornings all Governors.  HT/Chairs meetings  Governors to read meeting notes on Governor Hub  LGB Standards Governors	Autumn Term 2022  During the Monitoring morning in November the Governors had a presentation from the Reading leader. How we promote Reading at Springfield and interventions in place to support pupils.  Supporting All Readers:  There are 2 Literacy leaders, Year 3 and 4, Year 5 and 6.  Links with Ipswich School for reading Years 3, 4 and 5.  Year 3 go to the Bloomfield Library in the summer term.  Pupil Librarians who are trained.  Pupils have ownership of the library as they are able to choose books to go into the library from money raised through book fair. This is through a class wish list.  Junior Librarian.  Book fair for pupils and parents after school.  Improving library through quick reads, non-fiction and little people books.  Whole class reading. School reading spine (heritage narrative, poetry, emotional, literal, diversity, rights) linked back to prior learning.  Teachers have ownership of the whole class reading books by picking from broader reference from literacy leader. In line with school
				reading spine.



To employ a range of strategies	Updates through Headteacher		Monitoring	Struggling readers:  Pupils who are less than 100 Standard score.  Every child a reader (Pathways)  Little Wandle phonics programme for rapid catch up in groups depending on need. (Year 3/4, Year 3, Year 3/4)5, Year 3/6). Daily groups of up to 6 pupils. Video to show how to deliver for staff. Look for impact after 4-week programme. These groups happen at beginning of school day as well as in school day.  Spring Term 2023  Monitoring afternoon in March. A group of Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 presented their reading. What book have you been reading in class this year? Year 3: Operation Gadget and Not afraid of the Dark Year 4: Wind in the Willows and Young Gifted and Black Year 5: The Boy in the Tower and Midsummer Nights' Dream Year 6: Skellig – about family life and Windrush Generation  What happens in your reading sessions? Can you show us what you have been learning?  Reading of text Answering question from the book Referring to the book Knowledge notes Attempt, Apply and Challenge Books linked to reading Extracts from the book  Strengths  Class reading books were linked to curriculum. Pupils able to express their thinking with appropriate use of vocabulary Pupils were very confident in the class and when speaking to Governors
to writing across all year groups	reports on a termly basis including	Termly	Mornings all	During the Monitoring morning in November the Governors observed:
to writing across all year groups and abilities, closing gaps that	reports on a termly basis including writing assessment data	Termly	Mornings all	<b>During the Monitoring morning in November the Governors observed:</b>
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				Books linked to reading
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				beginning of school day as well as in school day.
				groups of up to 6 pupils. Video to show how to deliver for staff. Look
				depending on need. (Year 3/4, Year 3, Year 3/4/5, Year 3/6). Daily
				Little Wandle phonics programme for rapid catch up in groups
				Every child a reader (Pathways)
				<ul> <li>Pupils who are less than 100 Standard score.</li> </ul>



have occurred during Covid absences. (Key Priority 2 SDP)  Progress updates through Chair/Heads meetings Subject Leader meeting – Leaders to talk through ongoing changes and activity Key Focus during one of the monitoring mornings - observation of sessions/staff and pupil perceptions.	Monthly	HT/Chairs meetings  LGB meeting. All Governors	<ul> <li>Good use of working walls for learning</li> <li>Pupils were very articulate.</li> <li>Building of Literacy skills through school so that high standard writing could be achieved.</li> <li>Skills being embedded through the school.</li> <li>Teachers using different learning styles to support learning.</li> <li>High level of work shown in pupil books.</li> <li>Confidence shown by pupils and teachers.</li> <li>Building on previous learning.</li> <li>Timely stops for modelling to move learning on.</li> <li>Use of TA's to support learning.</li> <li>Good questioning skills by teacher and TA to extend learning.</li> <li>Spring Term 2023</li> <li>Monitoring afternoon in March.</li> <li>A group of Year 3 &amp; 4 and Year 5 &amp; 6 presented their writing.</li> <li>What have you been writing about this half term?</li> <li>Year 3: Complaint letter (Government to shorten summer holidays), Catch a Mammoth (We did catch it by digging a whole, covering with plastic and leaves, Mammoth fell in the whole, Report (About rocks being different types)</li> <li>Year 4: Minotaur, Digestive System, Lewis Carroll, Online Safety, Different</li> <li>Weather effecting people's life</li> <li>Year 5: synopsis for A Midsummer Night's Dream, Different writing skills to summaries</li> <li>Year 6: Newspaper Report- (National disaster, Volcano, Earthquake, Bush Fire)</li> <li>How do you know that your writing is improving?</li> <li>Spelling and Handwriting</li> <li>Handwriting helps me be able to read my work back</li> <li>How I set my work out</li> <li>Steps to Success by pupil and teacher (Helping me know what I need to work on)</li> </ul>
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To develop pupil's knowledge of key number facts, and embed other strategies for ensuring progress in mathematics for all pupils. (Key Priority 3 SDP)	Updates through Headteacher reports on a termly basis including maths assessment data Progress updates through Chair/Heads meetings Subject Leader meeting – Leaders to talk through ongoing changes and activity Key Focus during one of the monitoring mornings - observation of sessions/staff and pupil perceptions	Termly  Monthly  Termly	LGB Standards meeting All Governors HT/Chairs meetings Monitoring mornings all Governors	When the teacher puts in my Steps to Success completed it makes me feel good Working with partner Teacher marking (orange reflect, green good) Strengths Writing linked to the curriculum. Technical vocabulary in books. Steps to Success in writing is valued by the pupils. In the books the written work extends to a high standard as the pupils move through the year groups. From Year 3 to Year 6.  Summer Term 2023 Monitoring visit in June 2023 to watch the Puppet Show performance were pupils had written the script.  Autumn Term 2022 During the Monitoring morning in November the Governors observed: Good use of leading walls for maths skills. Modelling by teachers using class white board using number line. Pupils working in partners. Confident answers by pupils. Visited previous learning Talk partners. 3, 2, 1 used to stop pupils for extension work modelled by teacher. Confident learners Using Individual White Boards Consistent modelling using class white board. Teacher modelling using class white board.
				Teacher modelling was good.

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To provide breadth within the curriculum and use Arts and Culture as a vehicle for learning. (Key Priority 4 SDP)  Chair/Heads meetings Subject Leader meeting – Leaders to talk through ongoing changes and activity Key Focus during one of the monitoring mornings - learning walk/staff and pupil perceptions Attendance at any performances	Termly  Monthly  Termly	LGB Standards meeting All Governors HT/Chairs meetings Monitoring mornings all Governors	Maths monitoring morning in February As identified during visit: There was clear consistency of approach to Maths teaching using White Rose and 5 steps structure. Also adapting tasks using kinaesthetic resources. Resources were prepared by the Year groups which was a strength, for the needs of the pupils. The challenges extended learning. High quality of teaching shown in year 3 and 4. All other classes were consistently good and teachers were proactive in extending learning.  Autumn Term 2022 During an interview during the Monitoring morning in November with the Social Council they said:  • After school clubs and lunchtime activities the pupils enjoy: dance, theatre, dance, song and street dance.  • Pupils enjoyed activities such as: drumming, Colchester Castle, cardboard artist, puppets, Wolsey Theatre. These cover some Cultural Capital activities for the pupils.  Spring Term 2023 Monitoring afternoon in March. In the Hall – Performing to school before concert at Snape_Maltings:  • Hawaiian theme  • Singing as a group and some group solos  • Rap by solos  • Dancing in routine  • Band – drums, guitar, shakers, piano  • Dressing up in costumes  Summer Term 2023 Strength
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				Year 6 had been working on their Puppet project throughout the year making the puppets and writing the script which was linked to conservation of the Oceans.  The performance:  Good turnout by Parents Staging was set up to support show. Script written by pupils Hard hitting message to stop polluting our Oceans with plastics and rubbish What this pollution was doing to the health of Ocean creatures Pupils spoke clear and with confidence
To continue to refine the curriculum, planning, teaching methods and assessments so that	Updates through Headteacher reports. Progress updates through	Termly	LGB meeting All	
it incorporates the science of learning (Key Priority 5 SDP)	Chair/Heads meetings Subject Leader meetings – Leaders to talk through ongoing changes and activity	Monthly	Governors  HT/Chairs meetings	<ul> <li>from the Curriculum leader.</li> <li>Our Curriculum design and documents in place for every subject: <ul> <li>Cusp programme being set up to start in January 2023.</li> <li>Aim is for pupils to learn more and remember more.</li> <li>Building on previous study and vocabulary.</li> <li>Science of Learning.</li> <li>Training for staff in Autumn Term 2022.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	pornings all gap before fina previous learning  Knowledge note  Spring Term 2023  Monitoring afternoon in 1	es for pupils.  March looked at the Curriculum design and documents and changes to Reading and Writing.
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	Students Work Books Monitoring Visit by Curric	culum Governor in January.

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Objectives	Action	Timelines	Monitoring	Outcomes (Termly Review)
Priority 3: Overseeing the finar	icial performance of the organisation	n and makin	g sure its mor	ney is well spent.
	teaching staff.		meeting	
	Anonymous Performance Management outcomes for all	Termly	LGB	
to School Improvement Plan				the LGB meeting.
be resented to Governors linked	Headteacher.	Term		target linked to the SDP. The generic targets were presented to the Governors at
Generic Performance Management targets for staff to	Performance Management generic targets to be presented by	Autumn	LGB meeting	All Performance management targets have been set for staff, with at least one
To support staff that are new to teaching or new to the role to ensure they are supported and develop in expertise and confidence. (Key Priority 9 SDP)	headteacher termly report analysis of staff questionnaires presentation of outreach work/progress towards training/role responsibilities. governor involvement in Trust activity and working parties	Termly	LGB Standards meeting All Governors Chair of Governors	presented was good with a broad spectrum of techniques used and requirement to undertake the topics covered.  Observation  The amount of work and commitment, from the teachers and the management team, to make the change to the curriculum a success was evident and the benefits to the students could already be seen.  Spring Term 2023  2 of the 3 ECTs were students with the school under the SCITT programme. This term, Ofsted visited to talk to the SCITT students and also the 3 ECT's about their training with East SCITT. The ECTs are all doing well with positive observations linked to the ECT development programme. All 3 ECTs have been offered permanent positions for September and are really pleased to continue to work at Springfield.
				Time was taken to look at some of the student's workbooks and see how the new curriculum is being implemented in practice. The quality of the work



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Financial Budgeting. To ensure that school's financial performance does support the School Development Plan.	Effective budgeting of staffing Commitment of funding Accurate budgeting predictions Targets and key improvement strategies delivered. Educational outcomes met.	Termly	Finance Governor Business Manager Governor	Autumn Term The school budget was presented at the LGB Finance meeting in November 2023 by the Trust CFO. The Headteacher and Governors work closely with the CFO to ensure all new staff appointment are agreed with the CFO regarding Finance.  Spring Term 2023 The school budget was presented at the LGB Finance meeting in March by the Trust CFO. The budget going forward is dependent on pay awards for staff.
				Summer Term 2023 The school budget was presented at the LGB Finance meeting in June by the Trust CFO. The budget going forward is dependent on pay awards for staff. The PAN for year 3 pupils in September is full. The finances are looking healthy going forward.

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