

Richardson Dees Primary School

Impact statement – Standards Committee 2020

Over the last year the Standards committee has made a number of significant contributions to the school.

The main focus and most valuable contribution this year has been our on-going conversation and supportive actions regarding Covid-19 and the school's response and actions in ensuring that a high quality and bespoke curriculum continues to meet the needs of all pupils.

As a committee we have supported and challenged the school's leadership team in ensuring a fit-for-purpose curriculum for pupils at home and at school.

In committee meetings we have continued to discuss and debate pertinent topics and issues around quality curriculum provision and responsive recovery approaches to teaching. In each meeting we have invited and involved the school senior leaders; enabling them to give up to date accounts of actions, priorities and issues faced. We have actively supported the school leaders in their responsive approach to curriculum provision.

This has included:

- Arranging and supporting CPD for teachers and TAs (Flipped and Blended Learning; Number Talks from N Tyneside SIS Primary Team)
- Regular informal/supportive meetings with head teacher and deputy head teacher
- Parent governor views and contributions to committee meetings given high priority
- Supporting intervention programs for children struggling with maths

Ongoing actions:

- Ensuring that our SLA (Service Level Agreement) with the local authority is fully made use of.
- Regular (monthly) meetings with Head Teacher to support/encourage/challenge on all aspects of standards, curriculum, teaching and learning. This 'little and often' light touch coaching approach has proved highly beneficially for both the vice chair of governors and for the Head Teacher. Both parties feel supported in their roles and take something productive from each meeting to ultimately benefit the school.
- Liaising with local authority partners to ensure cohesion in the support of all stakeholders.
- Support for Maths Subject Leader through a regular network led by RB (vice chair of governors)

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