



Friday 15th June 2018

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Below is a summary of the work that has been taking place in school during the second half of the Spring Term and the first half of Summer Term to continue our focus on improvement at St Vincent's:

Monitoring of teaching and learning continues to evidence improvement across the school which is having a positive impact on outcomes for children.

Writing was a particular area of focus identified by Ofsted last July. Our internal monitoring and moderation of writing across the school shows that the action taken has improved standards in this area. Regular external moderation carried out by Mrs Jago, a Specialist Leader in Education, also shows the positive impact on standards in writing that is now evident. We are confident that writing outcomes at the end of the year will have improved across the school. Our writing at Year 6 has also been moderated by the Local Authority as part of the normal annual moderation sample so teacher assessments have been quality assured as accurate.

Outcomes of National Curriculum Tests (SATs) will be shared with your child's end of year report.

Training for subject coordinators has continued. We are now in a much stronger position in relation to English and Maths, so are starting to consider how what is working well in these areas can be used to develop other subjects so that we offer a consistently high quality curriculum which is challenging, broad and balanced.

The Early Years training and support being provided through Warrington Teaching School Alliance and funded by the DfE is already having a very positive impact in our Reception Class. Opportunities for communication and language development are already increasing, and the teaching of writing is already looking very different.

Based on feedback about Sports Day last year, we hope that the changes made to the day made it more enjoyable for all involved and for those of you who came along to support.

LOOKING FORWARD...

I am so proud of what has been achieved this year at St Vincent's so far and really appreciate all the feedback that we have received along the way. I realise that we have clear procedures for sharing issues and complaints but procedures are less clear for gathering all the positive feedback that we have been receiving about the changes that have happened this year - to capture this feedback we plan to introduce a comments book which will be kept in the main entrance to school as a simple way of you sharing any positive feedback about anything going on in school.

During this final half term of the year, we will be focusing on the following areas:

- Specifically, the focus for securing even more improvement in teaching and learning is now on the quality of feedback given to children within lessons so that they make as much progress as possible.
- Based on what has been successful and had impact in English and Maths, we are now developing our whole school curriculum, personalising the wider National Curriculum to the needs of the children at St Vincent's, including:
 - Meeting the purpose, aims and expectations of the National Curriculum
 - Progressions of skills for all subjects
 - Supporting children to "learn how to learn" so that they have the skills to become life-long independent learners
 - A strong focus on children's spiritual, moral, social, cultural and personal development
 - Increased focus health and physical activity
- Implementation of a whole school approach to RSE (Relationships and Sex Education). You will shortly be notified of a meeting for parents to share the resource that we will be using, as recommended by the Archdiocese of Liverpool, in order to meet this new statutory requirement
- Improvements to technology available in school to support children in computing and their wider learning
- Overall evaluation of school improvement this year, and analysis of outcomes at the end of the year to identify the focus for school improvement from September

Many thanks for your continued support,

Dominic Vernon
Head Teacher