

Barlows Primary School

**Summer LSIP Visit – Note of Visit – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (1.15 pm – 3.25 pm)**

FAO: Mr David Robinson, Headteacher

Dear David,

Please find below, my notes following the visit I made to Barlows on 16<sup>th</sup> July. As per my Spring visit, I have written this up as a Note of Visit rather than including it in the standard proforma we use as part of School Improvement Liverpool's termly visits. This is because we did not refer to any positional data as you are still embedding systems and processes to ensure that your data sets are reliable going forward.

We began by discussing how you have settled in over the last seven months and I was encouraged by the number of local schools you have managed to visit to develop working relationships with – Northcote, Rice Lane, Fazakerley High School, Holly Lodge with a pending visit to Longmoor planned for the early part of the new academic year.

I was also pleased to hear that you have been given dispensation to continue to attend Ofsted regional training events for inspectors, which you have mentioned to me on several occasions as being very beneficial CPD.

During my visit we also discussed a range of themes...

**Headteacher's Report to the Governing Body (09/04/18 – 07/07/18)**

You kindly took me through this comprehensive document, which covers everything from School Roll & Admissions through to a Year 6 Leavers Overview of Secondary Destinations.

Guiding me through the document, I asked about the overall attendance of 95.1% - you would be speaking to the HT of Rice Lane Primary School as they currently have the best attendance of all neighbouring primary schools and looking at some of the strategies that they employ and whether there would be traction in adapting them at Barlows.

We looked at attendance of key groups and I asked a question about ethnicity groups; Indian and White & Chinese respectively.

We spoke about the new welfare room (being converted from the former PPA room) and plans for the appointment of a new member of staff in September – a full time welfare officer.

We also talked about fire evacuation chairs – these have now been ordered and will be in place for September.

You also brought to my attention the concerns of children with regards to strangers accessing the school grounds at the end of the school day to use the football field – this matter is also being

addressed – the school is currently in the process of obtaining quotes for remedial work to improve security.

One of your two end of term INSETs, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, will have a dual safeguarding focus – Prevent and FGM, respectively.

Wordsmith and Nelson Handwriting – both schemes are beginning to have a positive impact as evidenced by a recent book moderation – with improvements in handwriting and presentation, as well as in the “writing journey”.

Two NQTs have been appointed for September – Sophie Craig (Y1) and Eimear Long (Y4); you also shared with me the detailed **NQT In-House Training Schedule for 2018-19**.

Other changes to staffing for September – Stacey Feenan will lead on Pupil Premium, Clare Bakstad will lead on SEND, Sue Evans will now only lead on EYFS. Jenny Smith will be working between Barlows Nursery and the Children’s Centre (new TLR post).

You told me that you have a new governor – Margaret Leigh; this was being ratified at FGB (16/07/18).

Finally, we spoke about the new KS2 class nomenclature identifiers – key figures from world history – that are being introduced from September; Winston Churchill, Mahatma Gandhi, Rosa Parks, William Wilberforce, Marie Curie, Isaac Newton, Antoni Gaudi and Claude Monet.

KS1 class identifiers will be Roald Dahl, Beatrix Potter, Judith Kerr and Eric Carl.

(Children’s Centre Nurse was inspected w/c 09/07)

Stacey Feenan, DHT, then joined the meeting where she shared her most recent **Progress Reports for all groups** – these were going to be shared with governors later that afternoon – HT gave permission for Stacey to share electronic copies of these reports with LSIP (not received yet, as of 30/07 – but end of Summer term is always frenetic 😊) I commended Stacey on the quality of the reports which were now based on much more reliable data sets.

Attached to this report I have appended some provisional “rough” LA data relating to end of Key Stage Performance for Barlows Primary School that you may find of interest.

I trust this is an accurate reflection and summary of our meeting and may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a relaxing summer break.

Best regards,  
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