

Oakfield CE Primary School

School Self-Evaluation Form 2018-19

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Overall effectiveness:

Evidence: The school was judged Requires Improvement (RI) by Ofsted (Dec 17). We have subsequently strived to improve to good with the aim of becoming outstanding in the future.

Leadership and management, teaching, learning and assessment and outcomes were assessed RI with Early Years provision and personal development, behaviour and welfare judged 'good' (Ofsted Dec 17). The progress children make in the Early Years is good, based on a very low entry level.

Our outcomes for pupils (2018) demonstrate improvement since inspection. In 2018 we had an overall upward attainment trend with GLD, KS1 and phonics all showing significant improvement on the previous year. KS2 results were more varied with improvement in writing, in some areas of greater depth and the combined outcomes but reading dipped. Maths, at 74%, remained unchanged (at around national average) although there was significant improvement in greater depth.

We value the education of the whole child and consider our nurturing approach to be a real strength. Our spiritual and moral development has a very positive impact on the staff and children at the school. Our school is a real family community where every child is valued and celebrated. We take great pride in our school and our learners. Despite difficulties that have arisen from structural change and the Dec 17 Ofsted report, staff morale is high.

Areas for Improvement:

- To improve the attainment and progress of children in reading, writing and mathematics by the end of Key Stage 1 and 2.
- To improve the proportion of pupils achieving greater depth.
- To raise GLD and phonics screening outcomes to at least national average.
- To ensure all disadvantaged pupils make similar progress as their peers.

Context

Description of school

- Oakfield is a C of E, VA, primary school located on the Isle of Wight.
- The school is part of a Federation in partnership with Arreton CE Primary. The Oakfield site was extensively rebuilt from the previous middle school buildings to a new primary school block which opened in 2017. The change from 3 to 2 tier system and reconstruction resulted in an extensive period of disruption which the school is now only just emerging from.
- There are 287 on roll in 10 classes (EY - 44, KS1 - 81, KS2 - 162) (NOR 375).
- Grounds include a large field (shared with the adjacent catholic primary school), woodland areas and a variety of play areas. Substantial outside play equipment will be installed over the next 6 months.

Pupil Characteristics

- Each year our EY baseline test identify significant numbers of children who enter school below expectations.
- Children are predominately White/British. There are 23 pupils with EAL, 6 LAC/Post LAC and 2 Service children.
- We have 13 children with EHCP, 77 (26%) on the SEN register.
- 106 (37%) of pupils are in receipt of Pupil Premium and we have 84 (29%) FSM.
- 21 vulnerable children (6 CP, 2 TAC, 6 CIN, 7 LAC)
- School deprivation indicator isat 0.?? (national average 0.21)

Staffing Overview:

- 1 Executive Head Teacher (EHT), 1 Head of School (HOS)
- 18 teachers – 9 full time and 9 part time. We currently have 10 UPS, 5 MPS and 3 CPS/UQT/SEN.

Historically, recruitment on the Isle of Wight area has been challenging and the school has suffered from high levels of staff turnover.

Effectiveness of Leadership and Management: REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT

Strengths:

A feature of Oakfield is our focus on developing leadership capacity following a protracted period of turmoil. Leadership opportunities are nurtured and encouraged which has led to a development of staff strengths and shared expertise across the school. The Federation now has a new Executive Head Teacher (EHT) providing the strategic focus for improvement (Sept 18). The school has been supported by the Local Authority which has provided core subject improvement support, which is now having a positive impact on outcomes.

The Head of School (HOS) works with the EHT effectively and is ambitious for the school. Subject Leaders have evaluated the school thoroughly. They recognise there is much work to do to improve the school so that it is good in all areas of teaching, learning, assessment and outcomes (Ofsted 2017). The school leadership team has been revised and this has added capacity to this drive towards good outcomes for all pupils. Two Strategic Leaders of Learning (SLLs) have core subject and key stage responsibilities who focus on the School Improvement and Subject Action plans, which are then refined and prioritised for rapid school improvement. The HOS has developed a range of new initiatives to tighten accountability procedures (Ofsted 2017). We need to ensure communication between all relevant leaders and action plans is effective and clear. Teacher mobility continues to challenge the school however, CPD is available for anyone who wishes to improve their subject knowledge. Leaders identify staff training needs well. Staff participate in regular training and are eager to hone their skills further (Ofsted 2017). SLLs and teachers have worked closely with LA subject advisors to provide CPD and introduce a range of improvement initiatives.

Our curriculum is enquiry led, engaging, relevant, thought provoking and regularly reviewed. The curriculum provides a broad learning experience for pupils. Leaders have developed Spanish, music and the arts, physical education and a range of humanities subjects to stimulate pupils' interests.

Ofsted (2017) identified inconsistency in monitoring pupil progress and a new assessment and tracking system (INSIGHT) has been introduced so that teachers monitor progress more closely. We monitor progress half termly and ensure any pupils at risk of falling behind receive additional support. Leadership communicate with the Governing Body where pupil progress reports are shared and senior leaders challenged and held to account. Governors have a full understanding of the quality of education taking place throughout the school, particularly for different groups. Governors know the school well and are now spot checking on safeguarding, leaders' monitoring of teaching and learning, and the impact of pupil premium funding (Ofsted 2017). A governor audit was undertaken (Jul 18) and an action plan subsequently put in place to ensure high quality governance.

The school promotes staff professional development and CPD opportunities are available for all staff. In house training is tailored to meet the school priorities. We have qualified in-house trainers for safeguarding. The arrangements for safeguarding are effective and there is a strong safeguarding culture in the school (Ofsted 2017). A coaching culture is currently being developed so all can learn from each other. Safeguarding is effective with annual audit completed Feb 18 and a further audit scheduled for Dec 18. Pastoral support is provided through our highly skilled Support Team.

SMSC development is particularly strong (Ofsted 2017).

The Governing Body continue to explore Federation enlargement options with local schools.

Prudent fiscal policies and careful budget monitoring ensures the Federation is financially viable, well administered and the learning environment well maintained.

Points for improvement from last inspection	Action and Impact
<i>Embed the school's assessment system fully, so that leaders and teachers can determine precisely how well pupils are doing in all aspects of learning, and take swift action should pupils fall behind.</i>	INSIGHT - progress tracked rigorously by SLLs and monitored by HOS. Reports to SLT and Governors.
<i>Implement plans to accelerate the progress of pupils, especially in key stage 1 and in writing, across all year groups.</i>	School Improvement Plan, endorsed by Local Authority and supported by action plans. Triangulation to monitor and report to SLT and governors.

Areas for Improvement:

- Ensure summative assessments are accurate and are used effectively to measure progress and realign planning where pupils are at risk of not making expected rates of progress from starting points.
- Inclusion and subject leaders support and challenge pupils to secure a greater proportion of pupils working at increasingly greater depth.
- Strengthen the pupil premium strategy supporting disadvantaged pupils to overcome barriers and accelerate their progress.
- Inclusion leaders monitor class based interventions and support teaching teams to secure personalised challenging targets for pupils with SEND.
- Sharpen governor monitoring so that governors have a deeper and insightful understanding of the school and drive improvements.
- Explore Federation expansion with other local primary schools.

The quality of teaching, learning and assessment: **REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT**

Strengths: The school now has a comprehensive and rigorous monitoring programme aimed at raising pupil expectations. Support and evaluation of teaching and learning happens through regular classroom drop ins, observations, discussions with children (Time for Talk) and monitoring of books and pupil outcomes. To ensure teachers maintain a high standard of teaching, teachers follow the detailed and ambitious non-negotiables established by SLT and regularly monitored by the SLT, governors and external improvement partners. Teachers demonstrate good subject knowledge which challenges and supports pupils ensuring they make progress in lessons as evidenced in the quality of work and progress in books. We need to ensure leadership is both challenging and supportive to staff with minimum expectations positively communicated alongside the expectations required to get the school back to 'good'. Leaders have begun to help teachers enhance their teaching skills to promote progress in writing and are using strategies to develop pupils' vocabulary, prior to beginning a writing task (Ofsted 2017).

Teachers ask pupils questions to check understanding and to deepen learning – we are focused on developing questioning and feedback skills further with emphasis on verbal, in the moment feedback. The school teaches through 3 phased, planned 'inspirations'. These inspirations are based on the enquiry cycle, are question led, and are planned to include SMSC development. They will also enable us to increase writing at length opportunities.

Teaching of mathematics is improving, especially in KS2 with calculation skills and knowledge and understanding of number and shape secure (Ofsted 2017).

Rigorous assessment procedures are embedded in school practice and impact positively on outcomes for pupils. The school has revised its feedback and marking policy. As a result, immediate feedback has been identified as having the highest impact and teachers now prioritise this in lessons where they can be seen circulating round working the room to ensure all pupils are given high quality feedback at the point of learning. Verbal feedback promotes deeper thinking and swiftly addresses any misconceptions during lesson time. Pupils are trained to improve their work. They respond positively to feedback and appropriate time is given for them to reflect on, edit ('red pen') and adapt their work. Marking is meaningful, manageable and motivating. We believe in doing less, but doing it better.

A Growth Mindset approach is focused through our 6 'strands' to help learners think about their own learning more explicitly. As a result the vast majority of our pupils are not afraid to make mistakes; they see them as a useful and necessary way to learn. The school's aim is to build the growth mindset of all pupils to avoid the fixed mindset which results in them falling short of their potential. We aim for all our children to understand the power of the word 'yet'.

The school is committed to ensuring that teaching assistants have high impact on the progress of all pupils. Currently a full programme of support and challenge is in place through weekly meetings to increase the percentage of teaching assistants working at a high level of involvement through the school day.

Teachers set home learning in line with the school's policy. Parents/careers are informed on the progress of their child on a termly basis through parents evenings, open classes and sent home reports. Current targets are shared and advice given on how they can support learning at home.

Points for improvement from last inspection

Action and Impact

Develop pupils' writing skills and providing pupils with more opportunities to write at length across the curriculum.

Half termly writes not linked to text driver to show progression over the year groups – need to monitor effectiveness.

Ensure that teachers plan precisely for pupils' next steps in learning.

3 phase planning in place – need to monitor effectiveness.

Ensure that teaching challenges pupils, especially the most able pupils.

Revised behaviour management process, particularly for KS2. Ensure planning and delivery of lessons engages all pupils – check through triangulation/observations.

Ensure that teaching assistants' questions deepen pupils' understanding.

Inset and training in place. Weekly TA meetings to promote and share good practice.

Areas for Improvement:

- Increase the proportion of consistently good teaching across the school through incisive and responsive assessment for learning strategies.
- Use variation in task design to achieve strong progress from starting points, especially through challenge to the most able.
- Develop pupils' writing skills and provide pupils with more opportunities to write at length across the curriculum.
- Ensure teaching assistants work with teachers to raise the learning and attainment of pupils while also promoting their independence and self-esteem, so they can access the curriculum, participate in learning and experience a sense of achievement.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare: GOOD

Strengths: The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is good (Ofsted 2017) and adults put pupils' welfare needs at the heart of the school's work. Oakfield is a nurturing and inclusive family community which is rooted in Christian values and supportive of all, regardless of faith background. We are committed to going 'the extra mile' for our children and each other and have developed expertise through our SMSC focus and inclusion support work to support our vulnerable children and families.

We recognise that behaviour management is challenging but the school environment is a calm and purposeful place. The vast majority of pupils are well behaved and attentive in lessons (Ofsted 2017). The school has invested in staff training (e-safety, schoolSafe and safeguarding as well as social media awareness and associated parent information). The behaviour policy centred on the Christian values of forgiveness, compassion and restoration is embedded into daily school life and has been recently updated (Sept 18). Pupils are clear about the definition of unacceptable behaviour and its consequences. Behaviour routines and expectations are established through the school: high expectations are evident throughout lessons. The school is an orderly environment – pupils move around the site sensibly and are considerate of others (Ofsted 2017). Rewards and opportunities for celebrations are exploited thoroughly. The behaviour policy includes detailed consequences for unacceptable behaviour, with children given reflection time and opportunities to make amends for any poor choices or mistakes. Incidences of poor behaviour are logged and pupils reflect on their actions and are guaranteed a fresh start. E-safety and poor behaviour on social media is a growing trend and one being addressed through pupil and parent education/information.

Leaders have identified strategies to promote good attendance with children and families. Attendance has been improving and now currently sits just below national average. The Inclusion Team follow up cases of low attendance and check attendance daily. Our aim is for 96% minimum overall attendance this year. Children are encouraged to take pride in their appearance and be proud when wearing the Oakfield badge. Parents are positive about the care that their children receive (Ofsted 2017).

The school community gathers for collective worship three times a week with key stage and class assemblies taking place on the remaining days. Assemblies are themed to promote the school's core values and celebrate achievements together. Pupil 'playground leaders' support break and lunchtime play and act as play partners.

Pupils have the opportunity to represent the school outside of the community through sporting fixtures and regular trips and visits (including to London and Italy). We have a strong link with St John's Church.

Vulnerable pupils and families benefit from our skilled and committed Inclusion Team who support vulnerable children such as those experiencing family breakdown, or low self-esteem. The support network's principles of nurture underpin our whole school ethos. We are currently working hard to integrate a number of pupils into mainstream following the closure of our alternative provision learning centre.

The school complies with statutory guidelines for healthy eating: pupils eating school dinners use the salad bar and we provide parental information on healthy packed lunches.

Children enjoy attending a wide variety of clubs and in-school interventions which include sport, home learning support and as an early morning club.

Points for improvement from last inspection	Action and Impact
<i>Ensure all instances of bullying are effectively dealt with.</i>	Revised behaviour policy. Clearly articulated behaviour management across all classes. Aim to reduce frequency and intensity of incidents – monitor and report through SLT to governors.

Areas for Improvement:

- Ensure that all adults and pupils have high expectations of behaviour consistent with the schools' revised behaviour policy.
- Strengthen the impact of SEMH provision the ELSA support.
- Implement CPOMS safeguarding processes and systems.

Outcomes for pupils: REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT

Evidence:

The majority of children enter reception with attainment below or significantly below what is expected. However, progress in the reception year is good.

The Key Stage 2 SATs results in 2018 were average for maths and significantly below average for reading and writing. Compared to results in 2017 there was an improvement in writing and combined, and generally greater depth outcomes improved. Reading dipped which was disappointing – pupils are now encouraged to tackle more challenging texts including Shakespeare in Year 6. Progress is good with all pupils making expected or better progress.

Attainment in Key Stage 1 has been poor but 2018 demonstrated clear improvement – reading up 23%, writing 16% and mathematics 7%. Greater depth also improved. Although we have some way to go to get to national average this was a pleasing first step. Progress was variable – 90% make better/expected progress in reading, 80% maths and 73% writing. Phonics also should a significant upward improvement (by 11%) although still has some way to go to get to national average. In Key Stage 1 we are concerned vulnerable groups do not make as good progress, although reading progress has been good (100% pupil premium).

Our Key Stage 2 results in 2018 were varied – improved writing, greater depth and combined showed us moving in the right direction. Mathematics (74% remained at around national average. Reading disappointingly fell and is our current focus. Disadvantaged pupils in general continue to do reasonably well by the end of KS1, although the picture is more variable in KS2. Over 3 years, the gap between these pupils and the non-disadvantaged has generally closed although there is variation between subjects and no consistency. Most pupils who have SEN and/or disabilities and who are supported with an EHC plan make good progress (Ofsted 2017). Vulnerable group progress is 100% in KS2 for SEN/PP. In Early Years, GLD improved by 16% but we remain well below national average. The consequence of low GLD in recent years has left a legacy of catch up in key stage 1 and into key stage 2. 16 of 22 pupils (73% passed the phonics retake highlighting the scale of catch up required.

Lesson monitoring and other triangulation activities support the picture. We have a range of reading, writing and mathematics interventions aimed at overall improving attainment and progress further. The data and in year tracking is shared with teachers and governors. Current tracking indicates reading as a growing strength in KS1 and writing in KS2. Monitoring of PP children shows they are well supported and making good progress in KS1, and KS2 PP progress is also good (although attainment needs to improve). Six Strand assessments of target pupils are being undertaken to help us identify the barriers to learning for these children.

Points for improvement from last inspection

Action and Impact

Ensure a greater proportion of pupils reach the expected standards in reading, writing and mathematics by the end of key stage 1.

Range of curriculum support measures. Report through SLT to governors. Monitor and report through triangulation.

Improve the proportion of pupils that reach the expected standards in phonics by the end of year 1.

Ensure that, by Year 6, pupils' writing skills are improved.

Ensure that a greater proportion of most-able pupils achieve the higher standards.

Range of interventions – KS1 greater depth success in 2018 and improving picture in KS2. Challenge to more able to be monitored.

Areas for Improvement:

- Higher percentage of children achieve ARE in EYFS, Y1 phonics screen, Y2 and Y6 assessments, compared to 2018.
- Reduce the gap between outcomes and the national average.
- Higher percentage of vulnerable pupils on track for ARE compared with summer 2018 teacher assessments.
- Higher percentage of pupils working at greater depth overall.

Outcomes (national averages in brackets)

EY GLD			
2016	2017	2018	2019
44% (69%)	40% (71%)	56% (72%)	64%

Yr 1 Phonics			
2016	2017	2018	2019
41% (81%)	54% (81%)	65% (82%)	80%

KS1 (expected standard)				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
Reading	54% (74%)	46% (76%)	67% (75%)	70%
Writing	40% (66%)	31% (68%)	47% (70%)	70%
Maths	40% (73%)	44% (75%)	51% (76%)	73%
RWM combined	31% (60%)	31% (64%)	41% (65%)	60%

KS2 (expected standard)				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
Reading	76% (66%)	74% (71%)	65% (75%)	%
Writing	85% (74%)	53% (76%)	62% (78%)	%
Maths	68% (70%)	74% (75%)	74% (76%)	%
GPS	44% (72%)	50% (77%)	56% (78%)	%
RWM combined	31% (60%)	31% (63%)	41% (65%)	%

KS2 (average scaled score)			
	2016	2017	2018
Reading	104 (103)	105 (104)	101 (105)
Maths	103 (103)	102 (104)	101 (104)
GPS	99 (104)	99 (106)	99 (106)

Effectiveness of Early Years (EY) provision: GOOD

Evidence:

Children enter the EYFS with attainment below average in all areas. This has been the case historically. Baseline procedure on entry is in depth and thorough. Pupils make good and often outstanding progress in EYFS. They settle well because adults get to know them very quickly (Ofsted 2017). The EY leader and staff provide a stimulating and exciting learning environment (Ofsted 2017). They emphasis speaking and listening in order to help children make progress in their early reading, writing and communication skills (Ofsted 2017).

2018 GLD was 56%, up from 40% in 2017. A gap remains between disadvantaged children and the rest but is narrowing significantly. Quality of teaching in both Early Years classes is high, leading to rapid rates of progress. Leaders ensure that all areas of the curriculum are addressed through activity or play (Ofsted 2017).

Observational based assessments are personalised and accurate. Next steps are shared with children in the moment and adults act upon their observations on a daily basis. A range of high quality adult guided activities link to children leading their own learning. High adult ratios ensure learning is meaningful, challenging, personalised and enjoyable. Our EYFS adults are constantly engaged in professional discussion of children and their learning. All adults contribute to Sustained Shared Thinking sessions and 'Planning in the Moment' learning stories. Children at risk of not reaching GLD are assigned a key worker and that adult is responsible for liaising with parents and managing 1:1 learning. This targeted approach is to ensure that our GLD % continues to improve dramatically. Child level of involvement is judged daily and observations show that children consistently work at a high level of involvement. Weekly discussions about each child enable all staff to know the next steps in learning for individual children (Ofsted 2017). Adults are observed by the leader and receive feedback to also ensure they are demonstrating high levels of involvement.

Well-being is a priority and PSED is fostered and encouraged. Children chose from a range of activities that have been carefully planned to provide a variety of stimuli and help them learn about the world around them (Ofsted 2017). The outside learning environment is well maintained and stimulating with opportunities for uninterrupted free-flow indoor and outdoor learning. The outdoor provision is continually being reviewed and developed to suit our learner's needs. Parents are encouraged to join our learning and contribute to our on line learning journey system 'Tapestry'. Good links with our local community enable us to enhance our curriculum by making visits to the church and other places of interest. Effective communication with parents is established from the start – parents are positive about the progress their children are making in early years (Ofsted 2017).

Leaderships in EYs is at least good, with the EYs leader's skill and ability being developed for wider key stage and subject (literacy) coordination. Our EY Lead promotes continuous self-evaluation and development of team members, including CPD opportunities for EY staff.

Points for improvement from last inspection

Action and Impact

Improve the percentage of children making GLD

Expand EY CPD and training opportunities. Monitor by EY lead and report to SLT. Ensure greater stimulus of children by key workers. Target lowest starting point pupils early.

Areas for Improvement:

- To further close the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils.
- To further develop adult EY CPD.