

Review of Progress against 2019-20 Priorities. Newton's Walk.

To maximise progress for all

Over the last year we have maintained our focus on reading introducing additional reading through story time and group reading sessions.

Due to the implications of Covid 19 on education we are having to determine the period of time over which we will judge progress and ensuring that our internal school assessments fairly captures this progress. Equally we are looking at our curriculum expectations to ensure a comprehensive catch up programme is in place once schools re open.

We are really grateful to those parents and carers who worked hard with us to support learning at home.

To ensure our pupils are prepared for their next stage of learning

We continue to see reintegration back to mainstream school as a top priority. We realise what a challenge this can be and always dual register and support our pupils for twelve weeks when they start a reintegration programme. Clearly Covid 19 has again impacted on this work, never the less we will provide support to those pupils moving on from Newton's Walk when schools re open. We are aware that additional support will be needed here at this time, and will strive to provide it.

Parents will be pleased to hear that the excellent work we do in reintegration is now pivotal to the citywide transition portal for all year 6/7 pupils in the city.

To further improve behaviour and attendance to support learning

Again the numbers of pupils being admitted to Newton's Walk has risen yet again this year. This has been challenging on many fronts. Governors are pleased to report and publically thank the staff for managing this so well.

Our rewards system for good behaviour continues and is valued by pupils.

In past years attendance has stood at 80- 90%. We are not expecting attendance to be quite so strong this year as a number of pupils have struggled to cope and personalised programmes have been developed to support them. Obviously the period of Covid19 school closure will need to be accounted for. This will not impact on individual attendance records.

All attendance is now tracked by a new IT system which is proving very helpful to analysis

Continue to develop rigorous processes to ensure that the Teaching over Time judgement is robust and quality of teaching continues to improve so that all teaching is good or better.

The quality of teaching in the school is at least good. We have an annual plan to support and develop our staff to continually improve.

The Leadership of the school form their judgements based on a wide range of teacher activity for example marking, assessment and actual teaching. External verification of the quality of teaching is gained from the Executive Head and our School Improvement Partner.

The school Improvement plan details how staff are to be supported and trained to do their job. Our plans training and monitoring have incorporated the changes to the Ofsted inspection framework.

Continue to review aspects of the Newton's Walk provision to ensure our school vision can be delivered in terms of curriculum staffing, accommodation and value for money

Our SHINE vision permeates all that we do at Newton's Walk and is the bedrock of our ethos and culture. Governors are constantly monitoring that this vision is a reality.

We are looking closely at our curriculum and ensuring it is appropriate to the needs of our pupils, places them in a position to be able to move back to mainstream if appropriate and embeds the skills needed to flourish in life. We will do our best to ensure a catch up programme is in place to support pupils on their return to school post Covid 19

Once again our pupils benefitted from a residential holiday. A number of out of school activities have enriched the curriculum we offer.

More and more we are tapping into the advantages of our ties with Kingsmead. This will benefit not only our staff and pupils, but will ensure in many areas we are able to secure better financial value for money.

The Governor Resources Committee continue to monitor site security and are provided with detailed reports on all aspect of security, Health and safety and safeguarding on a very regular basis by the school. The recent Health and Safety audit carried out by the Local Authority has enabled us to feel confident in our provision and has resulted in the LA judging us to be exemplary. Likewise a Safeguarding Audit has been carried out to ensure our provision is robust .

To achieve a balanced budget and financial sustainability

It is essential that we to monitor the budget very carefully. Our budget for the coming year is balanced. The changing landscape across the city around SEN is proving to be a challenge as it impacts on our admissions. We are working closely with the Local Authority to pave our way through this and to ensure that we have an appropriate and sustainable staffing structure.

Continue to develop effectiveness of governance

The structure of the board remains the same and we operate two committees Standards and Resources as well as the Full Board. Our clerk and governors are committed to the school and to their own development. During the period of Covid 19 governors have met as a Full Board each month. Our priorities have shifted slightly during this period to ensure we are focused on the

challenges facing us and at all times ensuring that our pupils are supported. albeit at a distance.

Our annual Governor Day where governors visited the school to monitor and many aspect of the school including chatting to pupils and staff had to be postponed. There is every intention to re schedule when the school has re opened and things settle down.

Governors would like to thank Lia and her staff for the quality of the provision offered and their high aspirations for our pupils. The Executive Head is working with the Leadership Team to secure and develop the school so that we continue to offer an excellent education for our pupils and a supportive working environment for all of our staff and pupils

Our Priorities for the coming year 2020- 2021

Governors feel that these objectives are still relevant and continue to drive our work. In response to the current Covid-19 crisis and the short and long term implications of this we feel an additional objective is required.

Covid -19: Establish protocols to ensure that our school community is supported. That the shape of the day, curriculum structure, staffing and sites provide a safe learning environment. Embed robust business continuity plans to ensure our school community is prepared for future crises.