# KEA School GOVERNOR VISIT REPORT FORM



Governor name: Clara White Date of visit: 01.03.23

### Focus of visit and name of lead staff member:

## Visit focused on:

Safeguarding and attendance

# **Summary of activities:**

- Discussion with the headteacher regarding safeguarding, including:
- Safeguarding training is up-to-date
- Safer recruitment procedures are in place, including asking a safeguarding question during interview; safeguarding checks; safeguarding as part of new staff induction.
- Policies are up-to-date.
- Parent questionnaire: 96% responded as 'strongly agree' or 'agree' that their child feels safe at school.
- The adventure playground is now re-opened.
- Health & safety governor has conducted regular monitoring visits and checks.
- Headteacher is looking to create short safeguarding summary documents -each focusing on a different aspect of safeguarding - to be shared regularly amongst staff.
- Discussion with the Headteacher regarding attendance, including:
- attendance is regularly monitored. Letters or emails regarding attendance were sent home earlier this term.

Current attendance data was compared with spring 2022 and spring 2021. Current data is broadly in line with spring 2022, although lower than pre-pandemic levels (reflecting the national picture).

Walked around the school with the headteacher – observed some of the whole-school assembly. The deputy headteacher led an assembly exploring 'uniqueness' and aspirations. Pupils were clearly engaged.

## Safeguarding:

- This was the main focus of the meeting (see comments above). In addition, safeguarding practices were evident throughout the visit:
- Signing in at reception; lanyard provided.
- Positive behaviour for learning: pupils felt safe to participate in the assembly (e.g. paired discussion opportunity; quiet reflective time with eyes closed for individuals to visualise their own dreams/aspirations).

- Pupils' movement around the school was orderly and safe (e.g. use of praise and encouragement with Foundation pupils regarding how to walk safely and sensibly from assembly to the classroom).
- Dismissal from assembly clear instructions and expectations explicitly shared. Organised dismissal with each year group supported by a named member of staff.

What have I learned as a result of my visit and how will I feed this back to the governing body?

- Safeguarding practices were evident.
- Attendance is monitored closely and communication with parents is nuanced, reflecting the headteacher's knowledge of the reasons for pupil absence.
- Parental perspective on children feeling safe is extremely positive, based on responses to the parental questionnaire.

## Discussion points for the governing body:

- The short summary documents to be shared amongst staff would also be useful to share with governors.
- My visit coincided with assembly, so there was not an opportunity to engage with pupils directly. I would like to speak with pupils on my next visit to ascertain their views on how they feel at school.
- Scope for all governor visits that include interaction with pupils to include a question related to how safe pupils feel?

## Any other comments:

An opportunity for the relevant staff member to provide comments on your report.