






Reporting a Governor visit to Kea School

Name Tracy Baker	Date 9 th July 2019
Purpose of Visit To view a curriculum enrichment activity in Year 1.	
Links with the School Development Plan 2018/2019; 20 Questions Q16. Regularly visiting the school to get to know it. Q14. Seeing what benefit the school gains from collaborating with other sectors.	
Governor Observations and Comments On Tuesday 9 th July I happened across a scheduled visit by a police woman parent (Mrs L) and her police car to see Year 1. She was parked in the car park and groups of children came out to see the car and discuss what it did. Mrs L had already been in the classroom and led the children in discussion about the role of the police. They also enjoyed police activities – trying on uniform, fingerprinting, finding out about dialling 999, and using the sirens and lights on the car! Here is some of her feedback to parents: “the children were brilliant yesterday for my visit with the  police car. I had them trying on bits of uniform, fingerprinting, playing with the flashing lights on the cars and looking at the equipment we carry. I am fully aware that at that age sadly some children have bad experiences of the police, what goes on behind closed doors is sometimes never known....The amount of adults that see us out and about and say to their kids in full earshot ‘see if you are bad the police will take you away 😊 infuriates me. What if they are lost, what if they need help..   so anything we can do to promote a positive image helps. I also talked about the use of 999 to call in an emergency so be warned (we do still come out if a child makes a call we can’t get back to!) Right at the start of the afternoon I asked them all to write on a post it note what they thought police officers did..   brilliant answers from all (photo is of the ones who wrote their names on the back - although my personal favourite was the anonymous ‘cach nortee people!’ Was lovely that they enjoyed it and my pleasure to give them my time. I’m proud to be one of the parents to such a lovely group. Thanks again for the really nice comments so glad they enjoyed it! Xx “ This was a great addition to the children’s education. Mrs L has done this before with a pre-school and recognises the value it adds, so approached Mrs Olive to see if it would be possible for Year 1 at Kea School. Happily, it could be fitted in and everyone has given very positive feedback both personally and on social media. A success!	
Behaviour All pupils were fully engaged and interested. They were polite and asked questions. Mrs L managed them brilliantly.	
Safeguarding. The pupils were escorted to the car park and back by a TA at all times. The car was parked safely and children were contained in the yellow hashed area so did not pose a danger to themselves or cars in the car park at any time. What a positive addition to general child safeguarding too – the police are helpful.	
Any issues for the governing body We should continue to support the school as it builds links with the local community and increase the exposure our children have to helpful services.	