



Governor Visit Report

Name	Karl Roberts
Date of Visit	07.10.2021
Focus of Visit	Reading and handwriting workshop
Classes/staff visited	Mrs Brady and parents

Summary of activities e.g. observing classes, talking to staff and pupils, looking at resources, had lunch etc.

I was invited to observe and take part as parent governor in Mrs Brady's reading and writing workshop.

The workshop was presented to the parents of class 1B, parents were encouraged to take part and ask questions.

The presentation was a 20 minute explanation on how the new phonics reading and handwriting will be running in Bidston Avenue. It allowed parents to understand school and home working requirements as their children start or continue their journey.

How do you feel this visit has helped you to develop your role as a Governor?

The visit has allowed me to see how school interacts with parents, keeping them up to date with changes and expectations. It allows me to view both the schools and parents' concerns and purposes from both sides of the As a governor I can then help bridge the gap in communications.

Positive comments about the focus

Mrs Brady is so passionate about her role, the children and the challenge of bringing the children on the journey.

Mrs Brady presented extremely well, personalising the PowerPoint to individual children and parents, this help with the engagement in the room.

Mrs Brady didn't rely on the PowerPoint but simply used it as a structure to get from point A to B.

The number of quality questions at the end validated how bought in and interested parents where.

Aspects I would like clarified / questions I have

With class of approx. 30, there was around 12 parent present. How does Bidston avenue plan to reach non attendees? (this was picked up with Mrs Brady post workshop)

Ideas for future visits

1. Have some of the books available to handout, some parents prefer hands on rather than viewing on a screen
2. Could the session be recorded to review at parent's leisure

Any other comments

Overall a fantastic session, I learnt the basics of phonics and more importantly the Why's to the How's. Mrs Brady was fantastic and bought the PowerPoint to life.

Signed: Karl Roberts

Governor:

Mr K Roberts, Literacy Governor

Date: 08/10/2021

Signed:

Headteacher:

Mr S. G. Brady

Date: 08/10/2021