



# Governor Visit Feedback Form

## Bidston Avenue Primary School

Governor: Deniece Pendlebury (Parent governor) Date of visit: 1.12.2015

Classes visited: Year 3 - Miss Mearns

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Focus of visit **Singapore Maths**

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Is your visit linked to a School Improvement/Development Plan priority? Yes.

Improve the standards of attainment in mathematics, particularly SEN and lower ability children.

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### **What were the key points from your visit today?**

Singapore maths is relatively new to the school. After speaking with Miss Mearns it is my understanding that it is working for us (those classes that are using Singapore Maths). Miss Mearns had a very sturdy lesson plan and expressed her enthusiasm for Singapore Maths.

I saw a class that was completely engaged. There was a warm and inclusive atmosphere and I witnessed incredible peer support. Children were in a classroom that had all necessary equipment readily available; seated in small groups to enable working in twos and lots of teaching support available to them when needed.

The children were keen to share their working methods and solve the 'problem' that the teacher had that day! Any errors made were sensitively 'corrected' and the children were given time and useful prompts to lead them in the right direction.

### **What have you learnt that you believe will make a valuable contribution to the School Improvement Plan?**

The nature of Singapore Maths is leading the children to think of and use more than one method to solve a maths problem and giving them confidence in their learning. This will help ALL children to achieve and in turn improve attainment in this subject.

I spoke briefly to the class and asked about whether they enjoyed doing maths this way...it was a resounding YES! I also asked them if they thought the teachers enjoyed teaching them Singapore Maths...again it was a big yes.

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

I have seen first hand all the hard work and effort that goes into **one** lesson! As a governor it has helped me to see how the changes made are of benefit to the school.

I have a better understanding of why we need to try new things in order to achieve our goals. It is never easy to make changes and it takes a lot of effort and I am impressed to see it working well.

**Are there any further points you wish to bring to governors' attention?**

Miss Mearns' class were so well behaved. They were attentive, relaxed and keen to share their knowledge with me. The staff were 'spot on' and I came away feeling proud of what they are achieving.

My daughter is in year 2 and is doing Singapore Maths. She loves it and doing very well....she had previously not been so keen on Maths. Now she says it is her favourite subject!

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Signed Deniece

Date 14/03/2016

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