



# **School Improvement Report for Parents 2019**

# Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so proud to work at Newington Green and serve your children. In April 2020 I would have been here 10 years, and I am in good company, as many staff have been with us for many years. The school is a very different place from when I started all those years ago, and I am proud of all the staff have achieved in improving the educational offer we provide for your children.

I believe the partnership with Rotherfield, over the last couple of years, has really helped us retain exceptional staff, keep and further develop specialist teaching (PE, Spanish, Music, Art, Computing), and support staff in sharing resources for teaching.

I am really excited about this year! The world around us may be a little chaotic right now, but at Newington Green, your children are safe, secure, and can enjoy learning, with adults who are stable and positive influences on their development.

We would love to hear your concerns or compliments about school. Please do get in touch via the school office.

Abi (Executive Head)

## School Improvement Report: Part 1: Our Results - Achievement and Standards

Information on how pupils achieve shows that children make strong progress throughout their time at Newington Green. At the end of their time with us in Y6, children have performed higher than the national average at the expected standard, and at greater depth. This means we do well at challenging our more-able pupils, and at ensuring nearly all pupils are at the expected standard for starting secondary education.

Y6 pupils 2019	Newington Green	National results in 2018 (2019 not published as yet)
Writing at the expected standard	80.3% <b>Above national</b>	78
Writing at greater depth	25% <b>Above national</b>	20
Reading at the expected standard	78% <b>Above national</b>	75
Reading at greater depth	31% <b>Above national</b>	28
Maths at the expected standard	80% <b>Above national</b>	76
Maths at greater depth	27% <b>Above national</b>	23
Spelling Grammar and Punctuation	84% <b>Above national</b>	78
Combined of Reading, Writing, Maths	73% <b>Above national</b>	64

## Part 2: Teaching, Learning and the Curriculum

Last year we worked with Juliet Benis (Headteacher of Ambler Primary) to review our teaching offer. From her review came a list of priorities which we have been focusing on in staff developments sessions.

Last year the quality of teaching remained high, but we want to further improve, so this year Mairead is working with the teaching staff to develop feedback policies for staff, to ensure staff get even higher quality professional feedback and training.

Teaching, and how children are making progress, is a major area of scrutiny for Governors. Through the year Governors looked at information about how pupils were doing across the

curriculum, and challenged leaders to drive further improvements. Governors looked at lessons, pupil work, and talked to staff and children through the year.

This year Jess is back from maternity leave and will be leading a curriculum review across the 2 schools. The aim of this review is to ensure that the children across both schools get a really strong, rich and integrated curriculum offer. We want learning to be fun and for children to make great progress, so Jess will be working with Subject Leaders across both schools to help us ensure this is the case!

It's a really exciting year to be working or learning at Newington Green!

### Part 3: Building and Premises

Parents and Carers who have been with the school for a number of years will be aware that the building has undergone huge improvements in order to ensure that our children learn in the best possible environment.

Last academic year we:

Created a **Parent Hub** in the tower building, which can be used for training, workshops and storing PTA items.

Completed work to the **Spanish and Music Studios** in the tower building.

Created a dedicated **Nature Room** in the main building, for therapeutic sessions with pupils.

Created a **dedicated reception zone in the office** to enable admin staff to focus on supporting the operations of the school.

Created a meeting room, next to the Head of School's Office (**Rose Room**) for parent or professionals' meetings

Commissioned *Love Art for Schools* to complete a substantial **art work** for the back playground, working with all pupils from year 1-6.

Had **Metrobank volunteers** on the school site, painting, preserving outdoor furniture, creating a mural and planting lovely flower beds all over the place!

I would like to say a big thank you to Terry, our Premises Manager, who works so hard to ensure this building is constantly being improved for your children!

### Looking forward....

I hope that you have found this report useful in helping you to understand some of the important developments that took place for us as a school last year. We work very hard to ensure our pupils get the best possible education and we are very proud of all of the improvements we have made as a school. However, we are always interested in learning more in order to continue to improve the school, which is why we have identified some key areas that we will work on to improve even further over the coming year.

### Targets for Improvement 2019-20...

- **To work with our Partnership School (Rotherfield) to review the curriculum**  
*Jess will be leading on this area. We will be working with subject leaders across both schools to review the curriculum offer we provide, so that we can ensure children are getting a rich, balanced, fun and inspirational learning experience.*

- **To improve the quality of teaching, through developing a culture of feedback.**  
*Mairead will be leading on this area. We will be working with staff to review their teaching practice frequently, so that we can ensure lessons are fun and of high quality, every day.*
- **Improving communications between staff, parents and other stakeholders.**  
*Leonie, our new Business Manager, will be leading on this area. We will be focusing on customer service skills in the operations team, developing our use of technology to support communications (social media, e-communications), and ensuring we develop the use of Microsoft 365 to support staff workload management*

**Our School Improvement Plan will be published on our website when it has been ratified by Governors. Please take a look after October Half Term!**

**I look forward to being able to update you about our progress in these areas in the future!**

**With very best wishes,**

**Abi**

**Executive Head**