

<b>GOVERNOR VISIT REPORT</b>		<b>Date: 27.01.16</b>
<b>Name: Clare Stubbs</b>		
<b>Focus of visit</b> Gain a greater understanding of EAL pupils SIP links SIP 9 EAL SIP 22 GB		<b>Classes/staff visited</b> Miss Thompson EAL coordinator
<b>Summary of activities e.g. talking to staff and pupils, looking at resources, had lunch etc.</b> I read the EAL file and made notes; I spoke with EAL coordinator		
<b>What have I learned as a result of my visit?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I learned that the numbers of EAL pupils is increasing particularly in early years and a wider range of first languages are spoken at home.</li> <li>• EAL pupils tend to do better than other cohorts</li> <li>• Perception of what is considered as first language by pupils varies.</li> <li>• Pupils are encouraged to use first language at home; first language very much valued.</li> <li>• I learned how pupils are assessed on arrival to gain a better understanding of their needs.</li> <li>• Proactive approach to engage with EAL families through invitations to come into school and read to class in their own language. Some families hard to reach.</li> </ul>		<b>Positive comments about the visit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAL coordinator very willing to meet and talk about EAL children.</li> <li>• Positive proactive attempts to engage families from diverse backgrounds.</li> <li>• Resources available for me to access.</li> </ul>
<b>Aspects I would like clarified/questions that I have:</b>  I asked questions during my visit. Query why some children think their first language is English when they have a language they speak at home? One question for future: are families' identities checked /verified at all in any legal sense?		
<b>Ideas for future visits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To participate in reading event; ie Italian.</li> <li>• Look at data relating to EAL cohort and within this cohort particular ethnic groups.</li> </ul>		
<b>Any other comments:</b> I found the visit very productive; the EAL coordinator was very willing to make herself available. I learned about the rich diversity of languages throughout the school  <b>Signed ____Clare Stubbs ,Link Governor</b> <hr/>		

