



Governor Visit
Lisa Harrison
[25th August 2021]

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Name of Academy:	Pool Hayes Academy
Name of Governor:	Lisa Harrison
Date:	25 th August 2021
Were you asked to sign in?	Yes
Were you provided with a visitor badge?	Yes
Were you shown the Safeguarding Procedure?	Yes, previously
Department visited:	Variety
Focus of Visit:	<p>To observe activities and provisions provided for Pupil Premium during Summer School week.</p> <p>My objective was to observe the positive impact these provisions had upon the pupils through the pupil's engagement and participation, in order to determine the benefits to their learning, and overall wellbeing.</p>
Summary of Activities:	<p>During my visit, I observed pupils in activities in 5 different classrooms and an outside activity also. I was greeted at reception by a member of the pastoral team and then escorted around the school by a senior member of the SLT team, where I had the opportunity to engage in conversation about my observations and benefits to the pupils in attendance.</p>
Positive observations:	<p>I visited Pool Hayes Academy on Wednesday 25th August 2021 during their Summer School week for new year 7 starters. The pupils in attendance were not only Pupil Premium but some SEN pupils also. It was pleasing to see the effort, thoughtful planning and preparation that had gone into organising this event to ensure that not only were pupils looked after adequately in terms of pupil to staff ratio, but that pupils had been placed into small groups, to make the experience seem less daunting for them, also I felt consideration had been given from a health and safety perspective. I observed the pupils taking part in a variety of activities, both physical and classroom led. My thoughts on this were that it was an excellent opportunity for the children to get the feel of the school, make new friends through team building exercises and meet the teachers outside of the normal school environment. Therefore, I felt was excellent for their successful and smooth transition into year 7 in September. I had the opportunity to speak to a few pupils and ask what they were doing in an information</p>

	<p>technology activity. They showed me their work. I asked if they were enjoying themselves, and they both confirmed that they was.</p> <p>On my visit today, the Royal Navy were in attendance providing the pupils with a variety of exciting activities to enhance their skills in both team building exercises and physical activities., The children were all participating fully and appeared to be enjoying themselves as they were all engrossed in the tasks in hand. Almost, certainly having access to these opportunities would show the pupils the variety of opportunities available to them and widen their aspirations for the future. The children appeared to be really enjoying the activities and were happy and laughing. The positive outcomes for the pupils in terms of their wellbeing through physical activities, and team bonding exercises are immense and may not always readily available on a day-to-day basis, so the Summer School environment is an excellent chance for pupils to engage in and take advantage of learning new skills, exercising and communicating with others.</p> <p>The pupil premium children were provided with breakfast, snacks, and lunches whilst at school, and I felt satisfied with all the provisions and resources provided. This included also within classroom led activities, whereby pupils' needs were met, in terms of all pupils having access to a computers and monitors, books, papers, and pens. The environment felt very inclusive.</p> <p>The summer school was taking place for a whole week in August and was supported by different staff each day to cover the different activities and give the pupils a diverse experience. The atmosphere created felt relaxing, thus allowing the pupils to settle into their new environment and surroundings with ease and make new friends and relationships with staff and peers. A very pleasing experience to observe.</p>
<p>Observations of areas to improve:</p>	<p>I discussed the opportunities for Pupil Premium, what they can take from the opportunity of attending Summer School, in terms of team building, increasing confidence, making friends, inclusivity and feeling as though they are part of something and that they belong. I was interested to understand if the pupils would have access to opportunities that may not normally be available, Lastly, that they are fed and watered throughout the day. On my visit today I did not observe anything that I felt needing improving, in terms of the activities and pupil engagement. There was not</p>

	anything I witnessed today that would have indicated the requirement for improvement in any areas.
Areas to follow up on next visit:	Next time I would like to consider opportunities for Pupil premium in terms of extra curriculum activities, and to see if there is any funding in place or reserved for Pupil Premium to have equal opportunities in terms of school trips, hobbies e.g. support with musical instruments, dance classes and sport.
Additional Comments:	I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and Pool Hayes Academy for allowing me to make a visit today. I was extremely delighted with what I observed and the wonderful warm feeling I came away with. I had previously spoken at length to a senior member of staff prior to my visit today regarding funds for Pupil Premium and activities that were planned for the future So, I was really happy to see on my visit that all the plans that had been discussed had been fulfilled. The Academy and staff had obviously worked really hard in putting all these exciting opportunities together in order to enhance pupil development and experience. It was extremely pleasing to witness. Thank you again for the opportunity.

Signed by Lisa Harrison: (Governor)