



Governor's Visit Report Form

Name of Governor: Julie Webster	Link Area: Safeguarding	Date of visit:28/4/23
Member of Staff: Amanda Lightfoot, Drew Morley, Mr Fawcett, Mrs McEwan, Mrs precious		
<p>Objectives of visit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To observe early years (reception class) and the rest of the school 2. Meet and discuss with the members of the school council, their views on safeguarding in the school. Observe lunchtime in the dining hall and outdoor play areas. 3. Discuss outcomes from recent Ofsted inspection. 		
<p>Brief Notes:</p> <p>Arrived to see the reception pupils start their day, after chatting to two of three parents in the playground, who all gave positive feedback on how their children had settled into school life. I asked if they thought the school gave enough notice to parents about Class/school events etc. All seemed happy with the communication they received.</p> <p>I later joined in a PE session with the reception class, Mr Fawcett had us all running around practicing balance, agility, throwing and catching.</p> <p>After break I joined Mrs McEwan in reception who was working with 2 children from the class with complex needs. Both children were responding well during the session, It was reassuring to see that all the pupils, whatever their needs, get the very best out of their education at the school. The staff as always are a very committed team.</p> <p>Lunch went well, there seemed to be a slight degradation in the quality and amount of food available to the children but the choice of different options were still there. I understand from Miss Lightfoot that the catering is soon to go out to tender.</p> <p>After lunch we met with the school council, who took questions around whether they felt safe in school, who to go to if they were worried or upset. Everyone seemed to know about the process and what to do, they talked about the buddy system and the way they look after each other. They spoke really well, and with the confidence we have come to expect from Austhorpe pupils.</p> <p>There was a discussion after the break with Miss Lightfoot and Mr Morley, concerns were raised about how tight the financial situation is within the whole of education not just the trust. Despite tight budgets, Austhorpe continues to flourish under the Senior leadership team and dedicated staff, getting an excellent Ofsted report. The pupils are a credit to the school, as all ways the atmosphere was happy and welcoming, the behaviour of the pupils was brilliant.</p>		
Signature of visiting Governor: Julie Webster (Vice Chair)		
Date:06/06/23		

