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RAMSGATE ACHIEVEMENT PARTNERSHIP (RAP)

Since 2013 Priory Infants has been part of a successful and effective collaboration. This means that we have chosen to work closely in partnership with 4 other local schools.

Ellington Infants

Christ Church Juniors

St Laurence Juniors

St Ethelbert's Primary

Although this is an “informal” collaboration (we are not officially linked) the schools have agreed a terms of reference which clearly outlines the parameters of the partnership and accepted ways of working.

Working in partnership with colleagues in local schools means that Priory Infants can benefit from sharing best practice and gathering new ideas from other schools' strengths. We also support other schools by sharing our strengths and areas of expertise. By supporting and challenging each other we ensure that each school maintains the highest standards in teaching and learning which benefits all the children across the local area.

Headteachers meet termly to agree priorities and monitor the impact of RAP actions. Deputy Heads, SENCos, FLOs, and subject leaders also meet regularly to work together, share ideas, moderate work and assessments and raise standards through acting as critical friends to each other.

In the past academic year we have:

- Undertaken Headteacher Learning Walks at each school (the focus of each learning walk was chosen by the school, to help monitor and assess how a specific improvement area was developing).
- Held termly meetings for subject leaders to meet and discuss developments in their subject area, moderate work and undertake joint work scrutiny.

- Shared school improvement plans and assessment data to highlight common priorities and worked these into the RAP action plan
- Arranged a bespoke Governor training session entitled “The Secrets of Successful Governance”.
- Some schools have held joint INSET training days
- Governors from the schools have attended 2 informal “meet and share” sessions
- Deputy Heads have jointly run a boys’ writing project
- Shared information about raising standards at KS2 via Pixel

In the coming academic year we are planning to:

- Continue with the above
- Engage in an Early Years Transformation project
- Undertake School Improvement style visits to each school to monitor the impact of school development plans
- Visit outstanding schools with similar profiles to gather best practice ideas for raising attainment of disadvantaged pupils
- Establish a working group for Business Managers to explore potential cost-savings by bulk purchasing or joint contracts

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