## The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools



# **Monitoring and Evaluation Policy**

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#### **Introduction**

In our federation we plan teaching and learning with a view to enabling each child to seek the highest level of personal achievement. To ensure that this happens, we regularly monitor the actions we have taken, so that we are in a position to make a judgement about how effective these actions have been. This gives us information on which we can base future decisions about the development of our schools.

**Monitoring** is the means by which we gather information. We do this systematically across a range of activities within our schools.

We believe that effective monitoring:

- Promotes excellent learning and teaching throughout the school;
- Ensures excellent planning and delivery of the curriculum;
- Identifies the strengths and needs for professional development;
- Offers an opportunity to celebrate progress and success;
- Provides information to support self-evaluation;
- Ensures consistency throughout the school;
- Ensures that every child is making good progress and is appropriately challenged to reach their full potential.

**Evaluation** is the judgement on the effectiveness of actions taken, based on their impact on the quality of children's learning.

#### **Monitoring and Evaluation Framework**

Monitoring and evaluation in our schools are part of a planned process and involve a range of different people over the course of the school year.

We follow a planned cycle of school self-evaluation. This ensures that all aspects of the schools' performance are systematically and regularly reviewed as part of an annual cycle.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **Senior Leaders**

- To ensure that leaders, all staff and Governors understand that the purpose of monitoring and evaluation is to enable The Ribblesdale Federation to develop and improve;
- To identify areas that need to be monitored;
- To delegate monitoring and evaluation activities to the appropriate level with clarity of expectations and outcomes to be achieved;
- To carry out monitoring and evaluation activities which cannot be delegated and are the responsibility of the federation leaders (e.g. appraisal, budget monitoring);
- To ensure that the data generated from monitoring and evaluation is collated, analysed and is used to review progress, recognise achievement and inform future planning;
- Report to the appropriate audience, including the Governing Body, on what the data is showing and how the information can be used to best advantage;
- Ensure that pupil performance data is collected, analysed and used to inform target setting.

#### **Subject Leaders**

- Ensure that colleagues and team members understand that the purpose of monitoring and evaluating is about recognising progress and achievement and areas for development;
- Carry out those monitoring and evaluation activities which are delegated to them as part of their roles and responsibilities.

#### The Governing Body

- Agree, in consultation with the Executive Headteacher, the areas which need to be monitored and evaluated;
- Support and reinforce the view that the purpose of monitoring and evaluation is to enable the school to develop, recognise achievement and sustain continuous progress;
- Receive monitoring and evaluation data at agreed times and in the agreed format in order to review the information and consider its implications;
- Use a summary of some the monitoring and evaluation data to inform parents about the school's progress and performance;
- Ensure that monitoring and evaluation are used to establish realistic targets for continuous school improvement.

#### **Equality statement**

The governors and staff are committed to providing the full range of opportunities for all pupils, regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, social, cultural or religious background. All pupils have access to the curriculum, and the right to a learning environment, which dispels ignorance, prejudice or stereotyping.

#### **Monitoring and Evaluation Activities**

This framework allows us to systematically gather evidence across a range of activities. This evidence allows us to evaluate the impact of our actions and progress towards our targets.

See Cycle of Monitoring and Evaluation (Appendix 1)

#### **Dissemination of the policy**

The full policy is available to parents and carers and pupils on request and is also available via the school website.

## Appendix 1

## **Ribblesdale Federation Cycle of Monitoring and Evaluation**

Our monitoring and evaluation cycle focuses on the following four areas linked to our Federation Improvement Plan and Ofsted requirements:

- 1. Quality of education
- 2. Behaviour and attitudes
- 3. Personal development
- 4. Leadership and management

4. Leadership and management		
Term	Monitoring/evaluation activities	Person(s) responsible
Autumn 1	Analysis of end of year data (1)	Head, subject leaders
	Medium Term Planning (MTP)	
	check (1)	Head, class teachers
	Pupil progress reviews and target	
	setting (1,2,3)	Head, EYFS staff
	Baseline analysis (1,2)	Head
	Lesson and group observations(1,	Head, governors, School
	2, 3)	Improvement Partner (SIP)
	Head teacher appraisal (1,2,3,4)	Head, school business manager, all
	Appraisal and target setting (1, 2,3,	staff
	4)	
	Informal walk throughs(1,2,3,4)	Head
	Book looks/planner checks –	Subject leaders
	standards (1,2)	Teachers
	Reporting to parents (meetings)	
Autumn 2	Improvement partner visit (1,2,3,4)	Head, subject leader
	Analysis of progress in maths and	Subject leaders, head, report to
	English (1,2)	governors
	Analysis of behavior and safety	Head, safeguarding lead, governors
	(2,3,4)	
	Informal walk throughs(1,2,3,4)	Head, subject leaders
	Inspection Data Summary Report	Head, SIP, governors
	(IDSR) analysis (1,4)	
	Pupil voice with book look	Subject leaders
	(progress) maths and English (1,2)	
	Pupil voice – bullying/safety (2,3,4)	Safeguarding lead once every 2
		years
Spring 1	MTP check(1)	Subject leaders, head
	Analysis of progress in maths and	Subject leaders, head, report to
	English (1,4)	governors
	Informal walk throughs (1,2,3)	Head
	Pupil voice and book look (1)	Subject leaders
	Parent questionnaires(1,2,3,4)	Head – once every 2 years
	Reporting to parents (meetings)	Teachers
Spring 2	Analysis of progress in maths and	Subject leaders, head, report to
	English (1,4)	governors
	Analysis of behaviour and safety	Head, safeguarding lead, governors
	(2,3,4)	Head, subject leaders
	Informal walk throughs (1,2,3)	Head, governors

	Head teacher mid-year review(1,	
	2,3, 4)	Head, school business manager, all
	Appraisal mid-year reviews(1, 2,3,	staff
	4)	
Summer 1	MTP check(1)	Subject leaders, head
	Analysis of progress in maths and	Subject leaders, head, report to
	English (1,4)	governors
	Informal walk throughs (1,2,3)	Head
	Pupil voice and book look (1,2)	Subject leaders
	Paired observations (1,2,3)	Teaching and support staff
Summer 2	Analysis of progress in all	Subject leaders, head, report to
	subjects(1,4)	governors
	Informal walk throughs(1,2,3)	Head, subject leaders
	Reporting to parents (written	
	report and open evening)(1,2,3,4)	Teachers, Head
	Transition and handover (1,2,3,4)	Teachers