



SS. Michael & Peter Junior School

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OUR SELF-EVALUATION REPORT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018/19

In the last year, we have looked at teaching and learning in our school to find out what we are doing well. This is what we discovered:

- Each of our Senior Infants engage in a 6-week Literacy Lift Off blast.
- Our 1st and 2nd Classes engage in a 6-week Guided Reading block.
- There is a very positive attitude towards reading amongst parents, pupils and staff.
- We have put an initial investment into PM Readers to extend our reading interventions.
- Standardised test results show that our literacy attainments are in line with the national norms.

This is what we did to find out what we were doing well, and what we could do better:

- We sent out questionnaires to pupils, parents and teachers.
- We analysed standardised test results
- We analysed PM Benchmarking levels
- We used teacher observations and teacher designed tasks and assessments

This is what we are now going to work on:

- Increase the length of time of reading interventions for Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd Class to twice weekly sessions over the course of the school year.
- Continue to extend our library of books
- Improve pupils reading ability, confidence and natural fluency

This is what you can do to help:

- Read with your child at home and discuss the book they are reading with them.
- Visit the library with your child to develop positive attitudes towards reading.
- Promote positivity with regards to reading.



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Here is some information about how we are carrying out our work and about what the Department of Education and Skills requires us to do.

School time and holidays

The Department requires all primary schools to have **183 school days** each year. This year we will have 183 school days, from 29/8/18 to 28/6/19.

The Department sets out a **standardised school year and school holidays**. This year we will take all our school holidays within the permitted time.

The Department sets out arrangements for **parent/teacher meetings and staff meetings**. This year we will have parent/teacher meetings and staff meetings, all in line with the Department's regulations.

Looking after the children in our school

The Department requires schools to follow the *Child Protection Procedures* it has set down. Our board of management has agreed in writing to do this. **YES / NO**

All teachers know about the *Procedures* and we have told all parents about them and how we follow them. **YES / NO**

Our Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Lisa Dempsey

and our Deputy DLP is Patricia Stokes

Enrolment and attendance

The Department requires schools to have and publish an admissions policy, to record and report attendance accurately, and to encourage high attendance and participation.

We have an admissions policy and it is published. **YES / NO**

We reviewed (and updated) our admissions policy in: **September 2018**

We keep accurate attendance records and report them as required. **YES / NO**

We encourage high attendance in the following ways: We promote a positive culture in the school and we communicate with parents when necessary.

This is how you can help: Promote a positive attitude to school

Positive behaviour for a happy school

The Department requires schools to have a code of behaviour, and asks us to consult parents and children about it. We do this. **YES / NO**

Our code of behaviour describes and supports positive behaviour. **YES / NO**

We have a very clear and high-profile anti-bullying policy in our school. **YES / NO**