



Welcome to Our School Improvement Plan – A Message for Parents and Carers

At Hillside First School, our goal is to provide a warm, nurturing, and stimulating environment where every child can thrive. Our School Improvement Plan for 2024-25 focuses on four key priorities to ensure that your child not only achieves academically but also grows emotionally and socially. Here's an easy-to-read summary of what we're working on:

1. Quality of Education

Reading:

We're boosting reading skills through regular phonics sessions, engaging activities in our Book Nook, and events like World Book Week. We also offer workshops to share helpful reading strategies with you, so you can support your child at home.

Writing:

Our writing programs, including fun initiatives like the Kinetic Letters project and writing competitions, aim to build confidence and improve writing skills. We focus on spelling, punctuation, and grammar to help your child communicate effectively.

Mathematics:

With innovative teaching methods like the White Rose Hub and interactive challenges such as the Fluency Bee, we're making math fun and accessible. Our lessons encourage problem-solving and clear reasoning, helping your child become a confident mathematician.

Teaching Quality:

Our dedicated teachers continually enhance their skills through professional development. By using new teaching strategies, knowledge organisers, and regular classroom observations, we aim to ensure that every lesson is engaging and effective.



2. Behaviour and Attitudes

Improving Attendance:

We believe that regular attendance is key to learning. By monitoring attendance closely and celebrating consistent attendance, we ensure your child is always part of our vibrant school community.

Strengthening Parental Engagement:

Your involvement is essential. We host regular parent consultations, assemblies, and celebrations of achievement to keep you informed and involved in your child's learning journey.

3. Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-Being:

We are committed to supporting your child's emotional growth. Through our PSHE curriculum and activities like World Mental Health Day, we help your child understand and manage their emotions in a safe, supportive environment.

Embracing British Values:

British Values such as respect, fairness, and democracy are woven throughout our curriculum. This helps your child develop a strong sense of community and responsibility.

Career Awareness:

Initiatives like "Start Small, Dream Big" introduce your child to various career ideas and help reduce stereotypes. We integrate career-related learning into everyday lessons, preparing your child for a bright future.

Student Charter:

Our Student Charter outlines the rights and responsibilities of every pupil, promoting a respectful and inclusive school culture. It empowers your child to contribute positively to our school community.



4. Leadership and Management

Staff Development:

Our teachers participate in continuous professional development, ensuring they bring the latest and most effective teaching methods into the classroom. This ongoing training benefits your child by keeping lessons fresh and engaging.

Supporting Staff Well-Being:

We understand that happy, well-supported staff make for a better learning environment. We've implemented strategies to manage workload and streamline communication, ensuring our team can focus on what matters most – your child's education.



Our Commitment to You and Your Child

At Hillside First School, we are dedicated to creating an environment where every child feels safe, valued, and inspired to learn. We invite you to join us in this exciting journey to make our school the best it can be. Your partnership is vital to our success, and we look forward to working together to ensure a bright future for all our children.

For any questions or further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.