St Charles Catholic Primary School- Governor Visit Form

Name of Governors: Stephen Roberts

Date: Wednesday 12th June 2019

Time: 1pm- 3.30pm

Visited Y6, Headteacher, Y3

Purpose of Visit: Y6 departure to Colomendy, Regular visit with HT

and dedicated class visit, Y3

Staff Present: Headteacher and Y6 and Y3 staff

Comments and Observations:

I arrived at school as Y6 prepared to leave for a residential at Colomendy Outdoor Centre. Many parents grandparents and sibling were in attendance to wave their children away, all of whom were clearly looking forward to their few days in North Wales, certainly more exciting than SAT's!

Despite the inclement weather, spirits were high barring the odd parental tear. Mrs Robert addressed the children on the bus, before departure and when she disembarked the bus set off with many smiling faces.

I then walked back to school with Mrs Roberts and spent time discussing three current safeguarding issues and how they were being managed. This would duly be reported to the Governors in her report at the forthcoming governors meeting. We further discussed SEND and the financial limitations on support available to pupils. She reported that her successor Rebecca Dean would be attending the Governors meeting as an observer and that she was grateful for the opportunity to commence an early engagement with them. Mrs Roberts also reported that Ms Dean would be fully involved in the process of appointing the new class teacher, following a recent resignation.

It was agreed that the Chair would revisit the school before the end of term to meet the SENDCo. (Mrs McKinistry had gone with Y6) for a "Learning Walk" of SEND provision.

Afterwards, I joined Y3 just as they were beginning an Art lesson with the theme of 'Positive and Negative'. Mr Cross refreshed the pupils as to previous work they had undertaken and what was to be achieved in this lesson. The children were attentive and responsive to his instruction and to that of the Learning Support Assistant. The children enthusiastically engaged in the tasks that they were set and in discussion of the painting, "Jazz" by Henri Matisse. The lesson concluded with Mr Cross recapping what had been achieved. This was followed by some mental arithmetic, focussing on the 8x timetable. Then followed a continuation of the story, currently being read. Again the children were attentive and responsive to the questions asked of them and were disappointed when today's reading ended on a "knife edge", to be continued.

The class then all stood together to reverently say the "Lord's Prayer", to conclude the school day. They then collected their coats and bags and left school in an orderly and happy manner.

Thank you for an enjoyable afternoon.

Next Steps:

- 1. Chair to maintain regular meetings with the incoming Headteacher in the course of the new school year.
- 2. Chair to continue with regular visits to his dedicated class group.
- 3. Chair to arrange a further visit with the SEN coordinator before the end of this school year.

Signature:

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