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Dear Parents/Carers

We last provided you with an update on progress with our Rapid Improvement Plan in April 2018.

For parents who are new to the school, this Action Plan came about following very disappointing end of Key Stage 2 outcomes in July 2017. (Previous communication to parents regarding this is available to view via our website <http://www.summerlea.w-sussex.sch.uk> > Our School > School Improvement > Action Plan 2017-18.)

A year on, and we would now like to give parents another update. Please see the attached document, which is a parent-friendly summary compiled for your information. The full Rapid Improvement Plan is much longer and more detailed. It has been agreed with the Local Authority and is monitored and regularly reviewed by governors and our link adviser.

We are continuing to receive support from the Local Authority, and have also benefitted from school-to-school support from Eastbrook Primary Academy, in order to bring about better outcomes for our pupils. We have an accurate picture of the strengths of our school and the areas requiring improvement.

Overall we are pleased with the progress we made towards our key priorities last year and the improvements to mathematics and writing provision and practice across the school.

We were especially proud of our end of Key Stage 2 outcomes in July 2018 that showed significant improvement in writing and mathematics compared to previous years.

These results, however, do not put us in line with or above National Averages and this is, of course, where we want to be and should be. We have high expectations of all of our staff and children and are confident that by the end of next academic year attainment at the end of Year 6 will further increase.

We have drafted our new School Improvement Plan for this academic year and look forward to sharing this with you, when the Local Authority has approved it, later this term. Once again, we will provide parents with regular updates of action and impact as well as next steps throughout the year.

In short, we will be continuing to embed the improvements already made to mathematics and writing across the school as well as raising the profile of books and reading, looking at spelling, compiling



new assessment systems, developing personal, learning and thinking skills and enhancing learning environments.

Our ultimate aim is to continue to drive up standards across the school whilst ensuring a broad and balanced curriculum offer that meets the needs and interests of everyone, and keeps the children at the heart of all we do. We have already reviewed our long-term curriculum map and are excited about the future and the opportunities we will be offering your child/children to support their academic, personal and social development.

Our staff remains fully committed to the continuous improvement of our school and we cannot thank them enough for all they are doing to ensure the very best for every child; they deserve nothing less.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the Leadership Team. You can also email [governors@summerleaschool.co.uk](mailto:governors@summerleaschool.co.uk)

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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