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Dear Parents / Carers

We last provided you with an update on progress with our school improvement journey in the spring term 2019. (For parents who are new to the school, previous communication regarding this is available via our website: <http://www.summerlea.wsussex.sch.uk/> Our School > School Improvement and Our School > School Performance Data.)

We would now like to give another update and share two documents with you (attached). The first is a parent-friendly summary of progress towards our School Improvement Plan 2018-19. The second is a summary of School Improvement Priorities for the next two academic years 2019-2020 and 2020-21. The full School Improvement Plans are much longer, more detailed and include termly milestones.

Our School Improvement Plans are shared with the Local Authority, monitored and regularly reviewed by governors and our Link Adviser. We are continuing to receive support and challenge from the Local Authority and have also benefitted from school-to-school support. We have an accurate picture of the strengths of our school and the areas requiring improvement.

You will see that the recommendations following our Ofsted inspection in February 2019, sit at the centre of the priorities for 2019-2021. A new Ofsted framework applies from September 2019. Inspectors will make graded judgements on four key areas: quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development and leadership and management.

Overall we are pleased with the progress we made towards our key priorities last academic year. Improvements were recognised by Ofsted and their impact was reflected in our end of Key Stage 2 outcomes for writing and mathematics in July 2019, which are now in line with the national average.

We will continue to provide parents with regular updates with our whole school improvement journey throughout the year. Our ultimate aim is to continue to drive up academic standards across the school whilst maintaining a rich, broad and balanced curriculum that meets the needs of everyone and keeps the children at the heart of all we do. We are excited about the future and the opportunities your child will have to support their academic, personal and social development.



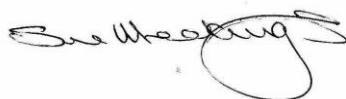
As previously stated, our staff and governors remain fully committed to the continuous improvement of our school and we cannot thank them enough for all they are doing to ensure the very best for every child; they deserve nothing less.

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

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Mrs Helen Morris (Headteacher) and Mrs Sue Meekings (Chair of Governors)

Helen Morris

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