



## School Improvement - Main Priorities 2016/17

Every year we write a School Improvement Plan which outlines the key areas we have identified as an area for focus, improvement and development throughout the next year.

As a whole school we will be focusing on many areas however we have identified three key priorities, as seen below.

### **Priority 1: To ensure all assessment procedures inform and impact on outstanding pupil progress**

Schools have had to devise their own assessment procedures and systems in light of the new curriculum and with the Government decision made to remove the “levelling system”. This is a clear priority for schools as we have the task of devising a clear system for tracking pupil progress and attainment, but without levels. End of Key Stage assessments for KS1 and KS2 have also been revised and reporting to parents will change in the light of these new assessments. We will have more information on these testing and reporting arrangements in this academic year and school procedures and systems may be adjusted accordingly.

### **Priority 2: To further develop a consistent approach to teaching and learning and pupil development to ensure all children are well prepared for each stage of their life.**

At Nelmes we aim to ensure a cohesive approach to all areas of pupil development and growth. Staff are given freedoms to develop their own teaching styles however this is within in a framework and ethos that has been agreed upon by all school stakeholders. Our essential learning behaviours, creative and challenging curriculum, assessment approaches are just some of the areas that are unique to our school. We are also developing a relationship programme which aims to develop pupil self-esteem and well-being, particularly in a world obsessed with social media and a celebrity culture that bombards children with image and worth based on what you have rather than what you are.

### **Priority 3: To share, reflect and improve on outstanding practice by securing links and partnerships with a range of schools**

Nelmes has been an Outstanding school for nearly coming up for 10 years. Over the years we have developed excellent practice which we would like to share and develop through partnerships with other schools. This sharing of practice would allow the school to reflect on its own practices and also allow us to learn from others to improve even further.

