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Academy Improvement Plan

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ACADEMY VISION AND VALUES

Vision: Developing well rounded, conscientious and successful learners who aspire to achieve their personal best. We are nurturing and welcoming community where relationships are at the forefront of everything we do. Values: PRIDE - Passion, Responsibility, Independence, Determination and Enjoyment

Number of children on roll	575	Percentage of children eligible for pupil premium	25%	Percentage of children with statement of special educational needs (SEN) and with education, health and care (EHC) plan	SEN: 23% EHCP: 3% Draft EHCP: 1%
Percentage of children with English as an additional language (EAL)	55%	Percentage of children with welfare or child protection support plans (24 children)	EHA 3.5% CIN 0.2% CP 1%	Percentage of children who are identified as Looked After (LAC)	0.2%
Overall absence (2021-2022)	8.4%	Persistent absence (2021-2022)	28%	Most recent OFSTED grade	Requires Improvement
Number of children who left during term time: 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22	58 36 58 22	Number of children who joined during term time: 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22	95 74 59 86	The academy serves an area of high deprivation and socio-economic challenge: Idaci pupil base quintile 5 Idaci base for adult education and skills quintile 1	

ATTAINMENT OUTCOME	s sum	MER 2022		NATIONAL () IS BASED ON 2019 O	UTCOMES
EYFS Good Level of Development		Year 1 Phonics Screening		Year 2 Phonics Screening	
Cohort	44%	Cohort	68%	Cohort	88%
Cohort without SEND class	51%	National	(83%)	National	(93%)
National	(72%)				
Year 2 Reading (teacher assessment)		Year 2 Writing (teacher assessment)		Year 2 Maths (teacher assessment)	
Cohort EXP	60%	Cohort EXP	48%	Cohort EXP	63%
Cohort GDS	0%	Cohort GDS	0%	Cohort GDS	0%
National EXP	(75%)	National EXP	(69%)	National EXP	(76%)
National GDS	(27%)	National GDS	(17%)	National GDS	(23%)
Year 2 combined (RWM)		Year 2 Science (teacher assessment)			
Cohort EXP	48%	Cohort	78%		
Cohort GDS	0%	National	79%		
National EXP	(65%)				
National GDS	(11%)				
Year 6 Reading Test		Year 6 Writing (teacher assessment)		Year 6 Maths Test	
Cohort EXP	58%	Cohort EXP	62%	Cohort EXP	67%
Cohort GDS	16%	Cohort GDS	22%	Cohort GDS	11%
National EXP	74%	National EXP	69%	National EXP	71%
National GDS	(29%)	National GDS	(22%)	National GDS	(25%)
Progress	Average	Progress	Average	Progress	Average

Year 6 GPS Test		Year 6 Combined (RWM)		Year 6 Science (teacher assessment)	
Cohort EXP	62%	Cohort EXP	47%	Cohort EXP	79%
Cohort GDS	22%	Cohort GDS	6%	National	79%
National EXP	72%	National EXP	59%		
National GDS	(35%)	National GDS	(11%)		

POSITION STATEMENTS - SEPT 2022

The current position of the academy has been identified using the outcomes from a range of external and internal monitoring, as follows:

- Actions from OFSTED April 2019
- Challenge Partner Whole School Reviews January 2020, February 2021 and January 2022
- External consultation during support in 2022 from; Roade English Hub, Enigma Maths Hub, DfE Behaviour Hub Programme, Maths consultant from Herts for Learning, and OSFTED inspector Emma Hollis
- Internal and trust level monitoring

Strengths:

Quality of Education	 Teachers have secure subject knowledge Teachers' pedagogical knowledge is strong and is enhanced by leaders' deep commitment to staff's professional development Teaching assistants are deployed well Children, including those who are disadvantaged, are making improving progress. Progress at KS2 is average when compared to national for reading, writing and mathematics A strength of the curriculum is the way sequences of learning have been arranged in a logical and sequential manner and have been further underpinned by careful identification of small steps that need to be taught to reach the learning objective
	reach the learning objective

	• A strong culture of reading permeates the school. Reading is very well resourced and has a high profile in the school, as demonstrated by the high quality of interesting displays and the space dedicated to a large, inviting library
	• The wider curriculum is designed to ensure disadvantaged pupils have access to a range of enrichment activities. These include additional music lessons, covering the cost of educational visits and a homework club specifically for disadvantaged pupils to improve their cultural capital
Behaviours and Attitudes	 Relationships are positive. There is an ethos of mutual respect Children behave well at all times of the school day. They have good manners Staff use consistent approaches to managing behaviour High expectations of behaviour are evident across the school and pupils are actively engaged in learning
Personal Development	 Staff promote pupils' personal development very well Children are taught to have increasingly high aspirations for themselves Children know and understand the school's values well. Pupils are taught to be respectful of each other
Leadership and Management	 Leaders are improving standards. Leaders have created a strong climate for learning, which include the introduction of behaviours for learning approaches Over the last year, the academy improvement plan has been refocused to place greater emphasis on the development of subject leaders and the curriculum Leaders ensure that the pupil premium is used to increasingly good effect to improve the progress and raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils, as well as improving their attendance Leaders have high ambitions for all groups of pupils to achieve their potential. Rigorous assessment procedures are in place and the minute that any pupils fall behind, intervention strategies are put in place to get them back on track Leaders have a very good understanding of the local context and pupils' barriers to learning. This ensures that appropriate provision is put in place to help pupils learn, such as the focus of teaching subject-specific
Quality of Education in EYFS	 vocabulary Children make good progress from their starting points in the early years. Teaching is strong in the early years Teachers and adults are enthusiastic. They use questioning skills well to develop children's thinking and support their development and independence

Key Areas for Development

Quality of Education	• To secure pedagogical approaches for all CUSP subjects which include; regular retrieval practice, systematic teaching of vocabulary, effective modelling and carefully planned learning tasks, using our Principles of Pedagogy strategies
	• To secure well planned coherent sequences of learning for all CUSP subjects which include the development of both subject knowledge and disciplinary skills
Behaviours and Attitudes	• To secure the behaviour for learning approaches and increase the number of children who are demonstrating 'exceptional learners' attitudes
	 To secure a culture of high expectations through the implementation of shared, consistent approaches Continue to ensure that playtimes and lunchtimes are structured, well-resourced and well-supervised in order that these times are calm, orderly and fun for all
Personal Development	 Teach children to speak confidently about themselves as learners To provide weekly opportunities for children to engage in relationship building activities to support the development of emotional literacy and class cohesion Ensure children know and understand British Values To provide a wide range of opportunities for children to take on additional responsibilities with the academy
Leadership and Management	 Leaders further develop their initiatives and ensure that all staff apply them consistently. This includes; The Write Stuff approach to writing and SPAG, the teaching of reading across KS2 including; fluency practise; a systematic approach to comprehension development and promoting a culture of reading across the academy Leaders strengthen systems of governance to better hold leaders to account, including for the impact of additional funding
	• Leadership of discrete areas of the curriculum develop consistency around their documentation, approaches towards quality assurance and professional development for teaching staff
Quality of Education in EYFS	• To continue to refine and embed approaches for the development of language and communication, reading and writing

PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED FOR 2022-2023

The priorities for the academic year 2022-2023 are based on the areas for development identified in the position statements and are those considered to having the most impact on the offer to children at Oakway and their outcomes. They are as follows:

	OFSTED Areas	Key Priority Area	Key Priority Focus
1	Quality of Education	Continue to construct a curriculum that is ambitious and well designed	Ensure subjects taught through the CUSP curriculum model are implemented effectively and consistently across KS1 and KS2 including the teaching of both subject knowledge and disciplinary skills supported by the development of consistent pedagogical approaches
2		Ensure all children in KS2 read widely and often, with fluency and comprehension	Develop children's motivation to read for pleasure and purpose. Secure consistent approaches to teaching fluency and comprehension across KS2
3	Leadership &	Ensure all children gain the knowledge and skills they need to achieve well	Ensure that children who are entitled to PPG and / or have fallen behind are quickly identified and supported to catch up and keep up with their peers
4	Management	Embed Approaches to enhance the teaching of the behaviour curriculum	To implement behaviour for learning approaches which help children to take responsibility for their actions and become active participants in their learning

KEY PRIORITY 1 – CONTINUE TO CONSTRUCT A CURRICULUM THAT IS AMBITIOUS AND WELL DESIGNED

What are we focussing on?

Ensure subjects taught through the CUSP curriculum model are implemented effectively and consistently across KS1 and KS2 including the teaching of both subject knowledge and disciplinary skills supported by the development of consistent pedagogical approaches

Rationale: At Oakway Academy, we are implementing the CUSP curriculum model to teach Science, History, Geography, Art and Design and Design Technology at KS1 and KS2. The CUSP curriculum model is delivered through the Hatton Academies Trust Principles of Pedagogy, as we believe this supports pupils to make conscious connections and to think hard, using what they know. Children connect new learning with prior knowledge and teachers explain learning clearly, sharing carefully chosen examples. Children attempt tasks with the support of the teacher and apply their learning independently. Children are challenged to think deeply about the content they are learning. To achieve this we teach units in sequences that build over a number of weeks using a spaced and interleaved approach.		Funding and Resources: £2000 subject knowledge CPD for teachers £2000 subject leadership coaching £2000 subject leadership development days £3000 subject resources		coaching	Key People: James Hollingsworth – Curriculum Leader Kirstin Jones – Science Leader Lisa Page – History Leader Caroline Bellham – Geography Leader Jane Liddington – Art Leader Tiffany Ho – Design Technology Leader	
Success Criteria	eria Who Actions			RAG Rate	Evaluation	
1.1 Short term planning clearly identifies 6	JH KJ LP CB	 CUSP subject planning monitoring w regularly to ensure lessons include w activities at each stage of CEEAAC 	•	AUT		

stages of a lesson; connect, explain, example, attempt, apply,	JL TH	 TH opportunities to engage in a range of CEEAAC activities during lessons and that these are supporting the children to secure the key learning within the unit 3. Pupil Book Study will provide evidence that teachers are using the CUSP range of pre-printed resources to 	SPR
challenge (CEEAAC)			SUM
High-qualityKJare using a range of strategies to suresources,LPlearning, which meet the needs ofpracticalCBlayout of the CUSP resources; dualequipment andJLnotes and knowledge organisers toenhancementTHsequence visible to children; use ofopportunitiesto teach tier 2 and 3 vocabulary anwill be plannedquality diagrams and thinking hardfor to supportand go further in their learningsubjects2.Subject leaders will ensure practicatare available to enhance the deliversubjects across each unit3.Subject leaders will ensure carefull	KJ LP	1. Lesson visits and learning walks will identify that teachers are using a range of strategies to support and scaffold learning, which meet the needs of all learners. These will include; use of a visualiser and teacher book to model the	
	JL	layout of the CUSP resources; dual coded knowledge	SPR
	 children can use what they know to attempt and apply and go further in their learning 2. Subject leaders will ensure practical resources / artefacts are available to enhance the delivery of the CUSP subjects across each unit 3. Subject leaders will ensure carefully planned trips, visits and visitors are organised to enhance the learning across 		
1.3 Children will be able to demonstrate a	JH KJ LP	1. Pupil Book Study Voice will be gathered for each subject across all year groups which demonstrates that children understand the key concepts and have secured the key knowledge and vocabulary taught in each unit	AUT

understanding	CB JL TH	 Planned connect and retrieval practice including cumulative quizzing will demonstrate that children have secured the key knowledge within the unit. The formative assessment information will be used to revisit insecure learning or to address misconceptions in subsequent lessons Termly summative assessments will be used to evidence children's outcomes in each subject in each unit 	SUM
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What are we focussing on?

Developing children's motivation to read for pleasure and purpose. Secure consistent approaches to teaching comprehension across KS2

Rationale: We recognise that being able to read well is a key life skill for children, whatever their background. We believe that every child can learn to read with the right teaching and support. Across KS2, we need to continue to develop a consistent approach to teaching reading, which includes explicitly teaching: knowledge about authors and genre: language patterns: reading stamina and comprehension skills. We also acknowledge that not all children will have had the opportunity to develop a love of reading at home, so this also has to be provided for and encouraged at the Academy. We will achieve this by developing a coherent whole-school strategy for promoting reading for pleasure.	Funding and Resources: £5000 develop reading environment £200 to develop reading champions £1000 PIXL membership £1000 Accelerated Reader and MyOn membership £500 consultancy support £500 coaching for reading leader	Key People: Angie Aitken – Reading Leader Kerry Taylor – Phonics Leader Rebecca Hawker – Deputy reading Leader
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Success Criteria Who	Actions	RAG Rate	Evaluation
2.1 AA Children targeted for reading interventions will make accelerated progress	 Targeted children will be identified at the earliest opportunity through ongoing regular assessment Leaders will ensure staff training and support is high quality and consistent Interventions will precisely target the needs of the child based on assessment and prior outcomes Leaders regular monitoring will identify staff training needs which will be addressed at the earliest opportunity 	AUT	

			SUM	
2.2 A small and consistent range of evidence based high	AA KT	 Children identified as making slow progress will be targeted to read on a 1 to 1 basis with an adult at least three times a week Children in KS2 who have not yet achieved the expected standard in reading at the end of KS1 will continue to be 	AUT	
quality intervention will be deployed support children who are falling		 supported through the RWI programme through daily teaching in order they learn to complete the programme Disadvantaged children will be targeted to read on a 1 to 1 basis with an adult regularly Catch-Up Literacy will be used to support those identified as significantly behind their peers 	SPR	
behind		 End of day and after school tuition will be provided for targeted children who require additional reading intervention 	SUM	
2.3 The academy develops a reading culture	AA RH	 Curriculum time will be allocated for children to examine and view themselves as readers 	AUT	

in which children have opportunities to	 Increasing numbers of children will join the 'Millionaire's Club' having been incentivised to read more than a million words over the academic year Pupil voice on reading attitudes is collated and analysed 	SPR
read for pleasure and	to evidence improvements in motivation to read for	
can express a love of reading	 pleasure 4. Daily picture books (KS1) or ambitious class novels (KS2) will be read to the children to widen their exposure to high quality reading texts. These will be based carefully mapped against our reading spine 5. Children will have access to a well-resourced and inspiring library space during lesson time, lunchtimes and after school. A librarian will be available to maintain the library provision 6. Author and poetry studies will be incorporated across the year to widen the reading experiences of children 7. Children will have opportunities to read for pleasure on the playgrounds 8. Reading Champions are established and promote the love of reading 	SUM
2.4 Reading lessons improve reading stamina and	 AA 1. Fast Reading will be part of daily reading lessons in KS2 to improve stamina and fluency. 2. Fluency (words per minute) is tracked throughout the year and will show improvement towards 120 words per minute 	AUT
reading comprehension skills	 Reading journals will reflect a wide range of comprehension activities, child as a reader and author studies in line with the reading overview Comprehension activities will be planned for in line with the reading overview, which provide a systematic and 	SPR
	 coherently approach to building comprehension skills, using PIXL resources to support teacher subject knowledge. 5. Monitoring of the quality of reading lessons will identify staff training needs. These will be addressed at the earliest opportunity by the reading leader. 	SUM

 Regular assessment of reading at KS2, including AR Star reader tests, PIXL reading tests, past SATs papers and fluency tracking will evidence improvement in outcomes for all children across KS2 	
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KEY PRIORITY 3 – ENSURE ALL CHILDREN GAIN THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THEY NEED TO ACHIEVE WELL

What are we focussing on?

Ensure that children who are entitled to PPG and / or have fallen behind are quickly identified and supported to catch up and keep up with their peers

Funding and Resources:	Key People:
£5,000 Catch-up NTP funding	Claire Byron - Principal
£50,000 PPG funding	Angela Aitken – Reading / assessment leader
£1000 CPD for developing effective T&L	Rebecca Owen – Assistant Principal
strategies and approaches	Vicky Lochridge – EY Leader
£1000 external coaching	Kerry Brewer – Writing Leader
£1000 provision map software	Kerry Taylor – Phonics Leader
	James Hollingsworth – Maths Leader
	£5,000 Catch-up NTP funding £50,000 PPG funding £1000 CPD for developing effective T&L strategies and approaches £1000 external coaching

Success Criteria	Who	Actions	RAG Rate	Evaluation
3.1 Where disadvantaged children are identified as	AA JH RO VL	 Review & adapt curriculum expectations, following a baseline assessment, so that pre-requisite knowledge and skills are developed in core areas, e.g. phonics Targets established taking into account prior attainment and aspirational national benchmarks so that progress can be monitored on entry, termly and annually 	AUT	

having fallen behind effective plans are in place to support best progress	 Ensure consistency across the Academy through a rigorous approach to monitoring, coaching and supporting Class profiles are used to ensure teachers are aware of the range of attainment within their class and in order to target individual children for accelerated progress A wide range of ongoing formative assessment is used effectively to identify learning which is not secure in order to revisit this at the earliest opportunity 	SPR SUM
3.2 The academy PPG and Recovery plan makes highly effective use of the additional funding provided and maximum support is given to the more vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils to ensure that they make rapid progress towards current year group ARE standards in RWM	 Review & refine provision for vulnerable and disadvantaged children adapting to changes & budget to ensure equity within outcomes Consider, develop and implement an appropriate PPG and Recovery Programme so that pupils are well supported in making rapid progress towards current year group ARE standards PPG and Recovery Plan includes: Rapid Identification of children to be targeted for intervention and tuition High quality tuition and intervention is provided to support those who require additional support to catch-up A range of assessment is used to closely monitor progress and regular reviews are provided to maximise impact Quality First Teaching is strengthened through CPD and support for teachers, including improving subject knowledge and pedagogy 	SPR SUM

3.3 Staff understand assessment data and know	 Embed the use of FFT assessment data so that there is rigorous data tracking from a baseline measure as well as previous attainment outcomes Ensure the use of assessment knowledge, is utilised effectively by staff so that they plan next steps carefully 	AUT
current attainment levels for all children they are responsible	 to ensure rapid progress and close any gaps, which exist. 3. Provide termly pupil progress meetings to between phase leaders and year group teachers will provide opportunities to discuss children's progress and plan next steps to secure best progress 	SPR
for. Staff know children gaps in learning and their next steps	 Increase opportunities for moderation (both in-house and externally) for all year groups to develop staff knowledge of expected standards in all areas of learning (Inc. noncore) 	SUM
	 Monitor, adapt & develop the quality/range of interventions across the school in order to ensure that they target the most important elements and that they demonstrate the greatest impact 	

KEY PRIORITY 4 – EMBED APPROACHES TO ENHANCE THE TEACHING OF THE BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM

What are we focussing on?

To implement behaviour for learning approaches which help children to take responsibility for their actions and become active participants in their learning

Rationale:	Funding and Resources:	Key People:
We believe that maintaining a positive culture requires	£1000 Behaviours for Learning displays	Claire Byron - Principal
constant work. Our positive culture centres on helping	£5000 play equipment	Angela Aitken – Vice Principal
children to understand what successful behaviour looks like		James Hollingsworth – Vice Principal
by defining and teaching it clearly and using consistent		Rebecca Owen – Assistant Principal
repeated practice to promote the positive behavioural		Laura Mutlow – Assistant Principal
norms, including the use of a shared vocabulary. We also		Vicky Lochridge – EY Leader
believe that good attendance is a behaviour for learning		Laura Marshall – PD Leader
which needs promoting and a robust attendance strategy in		Jacinta Gordon – SENCO
place to drive improved attendance. We need to ensure clear		Jane Liddington – LTS Leader

•••	ood and	towards managing behaviour are followed by all stakeholders and demy improves			Jess Standish – Attendance Welfare Officer Beth Maycock – Welfare Officer (attendance team) Susan Hatton – Inclusion TA (attendance team)
Success Criteria	Who	Actions	RA Rat		ation
4.1 All stakeholders will be provided with opportunities to know and	CB JH AA RO LM	 Reviewed behaviour policy w will be shared with all staff o Teachers will plan opportuni introduce children to the new approaches, commonly used and associated rewards and 	n September training day ties at the start of term to w Behaviours for Learning vocabulary, core routines consequences to establish		
understand Behaviours for Learning approaches, commonly used	LM VL JG JL	 the revised whole-academy a 3. Teachers will provide opport routines as often as is necess established and consistent w 4. Leaders will plan assemblies new approaches with all chill 	Service the sary that they become vithin their classrooms to share and reinforce the		
vocabulary, core routines and associated rewards and consequences to establish the revised whole- academy approach		 Parents will be sent an a cop and Relationship Policy via P available on our website and the weekly newsletter Parents will be invited to atte tour and workshop throughed new approaches in action Displays around the site and remind staff and children of Behaviours for Learning 	arentMail, it will be I it will be highlighted in end a weekly behaviour out term 1 to observe the in all classrooms will	I	
4.2 Lunchtimes will be calm, safe and fun and	CB JH AA RO	1. LTSs and TAs will attend the w September training day in ord understand the expectations, techniques for managing child	ler they know and core routines and		

children will be well supported throughout. High	LM LM VL JG	 Senior leaders will support lunchtime team in the dining halls and playground to establish and maintain routines and high expectations Senior leaders will lead daily appreciations in the dining halls to model the approach and to provide support for 	SPR
expectations for behaviour will remain in place in line with the Behaviour and Relationship Policy	JL	 children to use a strong voice and to listen and respection one another A wide range of activities and equipment will be provided for play at lunchtimes on the playgrounds to maximise engagement in meaningful activities Children will be trained to use any new equipment appropriately during weekly behaviour assemblies and children will be challenged by staff if they are not playing appropriately or safely LTS Leader and senior leaders will monitor lunch time playtime and provide feedback and support to staff where improvements are identified LTS Leader will hold regular meetings with LTSs to ensure they are up to date with any changes to lunchtime rotas or provision and to enable LTSs to discuss any issues that have arisen in order these can be addressed 	
4.3 There will be a reduction in both the number of	CB JH AA RO	 Suspensions will trigger a review of support in place for a child to identify any changes to provision or referral to outside agencies for assessment and support Suspensions will be applied consistently and in line with the expectations as set out in the Behaviour and 	AUT
suspensions and the number of children subject to suspension to	LM VL	Relationship PolicyAlternatives to suspensions will be considered where appropriate, such as; managed move or working in learning space	SPR

close the gap to national levels		4. Senior leaders will review all behaviours weekly and intervene at the earliest opportunity to bring engage parental support and support children to understand meet the high expectations	SUM	
4.4 Support and additional training will be provided for staff where behaviour monitoring identifies the need	CB JH AA RO	 Senior Leaders will monitor behaviour throughout the day by completing leader wanders on a rota to pre-empt issues and intervene where needed Ongoing leader wanders will identify staff who may require additional support to implement the strategies 	AUT	
	LM LM VL JG JL	 and techniques consistently Support will be provided for staff identified at the earliest opportunity and may include; team teaching, observations of best practice and repeated training through TLAC (Teach Like a Champion) videos 	SPR	
		 Behaviour walks by principal and CEO will identify best practice and areas for improvement. Feedback will be provided for staff involved 	SUM	
Ensuring that pupils' attendance	CB LM JS SL BM	 Assistant Principal to provide a clear and robust attendance strategy for daily management absent children Attendance team to meet daily and work robustly to secure the maximum attendance each day 	AUT	
		 Concerns raised about poor attendance will be referred to the EIPT at the earlies opportunity Assistant Principal/Lead DSL to line manage Attendance Officer and set aspirational targets for whole school attendance 	SPR	

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