



The Pinvin Fed-Express

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Middle School Outcomes

There is clear evidence that suggests that whatever system operates in Worcestershire, the outcomes of the pupils at GCSE is very similar. We are very confident at the Middle School in our own performance outcomes now and are continuing to set the bar even higher by using specialist delivery that then filters into Year 5 and 6, the Primary years. The investment in High School trained practitioners is paying dividends for us; please come and see some of the Art or French outcomes for example; we are always happy to share.

In terms of numerical data in the core subjects, we use GL assessments as a mechanism for testing and will share our core data with you. This is the second year of GL and we are seeing Year on Year progress in outcomes; GL provides a picture of the school profile against National. The data set below shows the average Standardised Age Score achieved by the cohort at the end of year 7. A school performing around National would be seeing results of around 100, any score over 105 would be deemed as a school performing much better than the National Standard. Our Year 7 results are as follows:

English: 108.4 Mathematics: 108.1

To put this into context, we do have some slight cohort variation but this is not significant. When looking at our Year 5 baseline as a combined average for English and Maths this year it equated to **103.1**. **If you consider our Year 7 combined, this equates to 108.25 this is very good progress.**

In essence whichever way we look at the data, we know that we achieve good value added from Year 5 to Year 7 and this is increasingly being matched by strong outcomes in Year 6.

The way we structure our approach, with so many rural feeder schools with a more Primary based model in Year 5 to then a Secondary model by Year 7, it is working effectively and allows pupils to go from a much smaller setting to a larger one with ease. In addition, with good transition, which we have, this prevents what can be a lost year in transition, which is seen by some as a concern with Year 7 in the Secondary system unless it is carefully managed.

In essence as a Middle school we will continue to build on our successes and will continue our drive for high standards.

Avonreach Change of Age Consultation

The Avonreach cluster of schools (Pershore High School, Cherry Orchard First, Norton Juxtra Kempsey CE First and Inkberrow First) have gone out to formal consultation on Change of Age. In essence this will mean moving their schools from a 3 tier model to 2 tier one. These consultations are open to all, including parents, pupils, staff, pre-school, Pershore pyramid schools and the wider community. They want to hear your views and establish if there are any significant issues that they deem have not already been identified for the Governing Bodies to take into account when making their final decisions.

The consultation period opens on **2nd November 2017 and will run for 6 weeks, closing on 15th December 2017**. There will then be a period of review by the Governing Bodies of all raised issues before they individually reach a decision on their proposal. Avonreach trustees we understand will then collate the findings from each individual school and coordinate a final submission, if it is agreed to proceed, to the Department for Education/Regional Schools Commissioner—who you are also at liberty to contact. The dates of the meetings are as follows and you are entitled to attend any of these sessions.

Inkberrow First School: Monday 6th November, 2.30 pm and 6.00 pm

Norton Juxta Kempsey CE First School: Tuesday 7th November, 2.30 pm and 6.00 pm

Cherry Orchard First School: Wednesday 8th November, 2.30 pm and 6.00 pm

Pershore High School: Tuesday 14th November, 6.00 pm

As a First and Middle Federation, this clearly has an impact on us as an organisation and our Governing Body will be making representation in due course. In addition, as DOWMAT schools, we will also be requesting their input on this process.

As a Federation we remain strongly committed to providing high quality education, first and foremost, working on the areas within our school development plan and will continue to put this above everything.

Staffing Update

Mr Best has been partially off work due to prolapsed discs in his back. He is desperate to be back in and is still accessing work from home, but that is why you will have seen a bit less of him in the week before/after half-term. Very sadly, Miss Gorton has had a bereavement and will be back with us in due course and we have sent our condolences to her.



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Harvest and Remembrance

We had some lovely Harvest services with Reverend Claire in both the First and the Middle School before the half-term break. We also enjoyed Mr Richard Elliott's annual Harvest Loaf where every year the children have fun trying to spot the Harvest mouse. A huge thank you for all the donations of non-perishable goods. The food has now gone to the Per-shore food bank and was very warmly received. Thank you.

We will be taking time over the next two weeks remembering those who have lost lives or who have been injured in conflict. As Remembrance Day is on a Saturday this year, we have moved our services to the Monday so that Mr Russell Dalton can attend. In customary tradition Mr Dalton, a veteran of the Gulf War will bring the topic of Remembrance alive with his stories and anecdotes. Please support the Royal British Legion Appeal, the pupils will be selling poppies on a donation basis.

Club Late Collection

This is our final reminder about late club collection. We are having to take a tough stance on this as poor Mr Keogh, in particular, is doing many more than his contracted hours supervising children who are not collected. If pupils are picked up late as of next week, you will be receiving a final warning notice that your child may no longer be able to attend.

Sporting Success

Well done to our Year 4 pupils who participated in the cluster football tournament. They managed to achieve a 2nd place finish and were very unlucky not to be the overall winners of the event. They were narrowly beaten to the top by Inkberrow, who won the overall competition. Most importantly, all the pupils represented the school well and have done us proud. A second place finish was a great achievement and we wanted to say a deserved well done. Well done Year 4.

Snow and Emergency Closure

It is that time of year again when we begin to watch the weather forecasts for up and coming inclement weather. Therefore I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that in the event that either school is closed due to snow we will update you via the following means at the earliest opportunity:

The Federation website www.tpfos.co.uk (Principle Source)

Our text and email messaging system

The Worcestershire Council website

It maybe on those icy mornings that we put some additional actions in place to ensure a safe entry into school. On these days, we will often close the Middle School gate and take the pupils in through the front of the building. At the First School we will usually grit a safe route across the playground and into the hall. We will have staff on duty who will be there to guide you on these days. We also have staff who will be supervising in both school halls on these occasions.

Morogoro: Tanzania

We welcomed back this week Miss Natalie Rushton following her recent visit to Tanzania. She was made to feel very welcome by our partner school Misifini B and has already been sharing stories about her time out there. We will be welcoming a member of the staff team of Misifini B back to Himbleton and the Pinvin Federation in a return visit that will take place, all being well in October next year.

Please be nosy

If you are a parent of the First School and haven't seen our new and extended Early Years area, it is worth a visit. Mrs Kilby has making the most of the new space, which is about 4 times the size of what we had before. It is so much better for all the pupils in terms of quality outdoor provision.

