



## GOVERNOR VISIT REPORT

<b>Name: Steven Hutton</b>	<b>Date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>
<b>Focus of visit</b> Governor familiarisation Day	<b>Classes/staff visited</b> Year 1
<b>Summary of activities e.g. talking to staff and pupils, looking at resources, had lunch etc.</b>	
<p>Another fantastic governor day at Austhorpe, starting with spending time in the playground talking to parents about their views of the school – resoundingly positive – all parents were really complimentary of their children’s experiences at school and loved that the staff were all very personable and approachable.</p> <p>We then had an introductory assembly where we witnessed first hand the outstanding behaviour of children as they entered the hall. Behaviour was excellent throughout the day.</p> <p>Miss Lightfoot then provided us with a tour of the school where we witnessed various classes taking part in their morning phonics exercises that we all appreciated are a key reason why the school has such a great reputation for the teaching of phonics. She also talked about the importance oracy and maths and how these areas linked to the school improvement plan.</p> <p>Time was then spent in my link class (Year 1) where I watched Mr Edwards teaching maths and specifically an exercise on teaching 3D shapes utilising the interactive screen and objects from around the classroom.</p> <p>Lunchtime was spent in the dinner hall, sampling the food on offer and talking to the children about the experience of the school. It is clear that children love being at Austhorpe and really enjoy their learning.</p> <p>After dinner we received a safeguarding presentation from Miss Lightfoot and Mr Morley confirming the safeguarding and child protection procedures at school. We also had sight of the school’s single central record.</p> <p>We were fortunate enough to experience a fire drill and full evacuation of the school which was completed in record time and undertaken in a well organised and orderly matter.</p> <p>Miss Lightfoot then presented the curriculum plan at Austhorpe and pointed out how this can now be easily accessed and reviewed on the new school website. I returned to Class 1 for the remainder of the afternoon to join in with the preparations for the school nativity performance – lots of singing and dance moves!</p> <p>To complete the day, I spent 30 minutes with Mr Morley, the Mathematics curriculum lead who took me through the organisation of the teaching of the subject at Austhorpe. Clearly a strong subject and a passionate subject leader.</p>	



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### What have I learned as a result of my visit?

The volume of work that occurs at the school to enrich teaching and learning is phenomenal.  
Behaviour is excellent throughout  
Safeguarding is well managed  
Highly effective teaching of phonics  
Focus on oracy and mathematics  
Parents think very highly of the school  
Children love being at Austhorpe

### Positive comments about the visit

The governor participation days are always a really positive experience where governors are given a great opportunity to see the school working on a typical day.  
Thank you to Amanda, her colleagues and pupils for making all the governors feel so welcome.

### Aspects I would like clarified/questions that I have:

None

### Ideas for future visits:

Similar visits in the future

### Any other comments:

**Signed: Steven Hutton**  
**(Governor)**