



Presentation Senior School

Action plan to improve the standards of literacy and numeracy – 2014 - 2015

Literacy	Numeracy	Attendance	Parental Involvement
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased time allocation to 90 mins per day as per DES Circular 56/2011 2. English curriculum planning group – yearly scheme produced for each class standard in school plan 3. Graded Library 4. Accelerated Reading Programme (SCP Supported Initiative) 5. Lexia reading Programme (SCP Supported Initiative) 6. Reading Eggs Programme 7. PM Writing Programme 8. We are writers initiative 9. Book Fair 10. Renewed focus on phonics – Newell Literacy Programme 11. Analysis of standardised test results and comparison with national norms 12. Use of screening and diagnostic testing in addition to Micra, Sigma and new version of NRIT – MALT and YARK 13. Increased focus on staged approach/continuum of support for children with learning difficulties as per the NEPs documents – A Continuum of Support Guidelines for Teachers and A Continuum of Support Resource Pack for Teachers 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased time allocation to 50 mins per day as per DES Circular 56/2011 2. Maths curriculum planning group – yearly scheme for each class standard in school plan 3. Revised school plan 4. Mathletics Programme for all classes 5. Use of the Numicon Programme in the Special Class 6. Brain snack used for problem of the week - problem of the week published on the school website. 7. Maths Day 8. Maths resources catalogued in school library 9. Maths workshops/outside speakers 10. Increased use of Maths trails - Maths trails added to Maths resources folders 11. Analysis of standardised tests and diagnostic marking – last year’s results distributed to all teachers for their current class 12. Focus on Maths Language – displayed in all classrooms 13. Focus on Shape and Space strand – Use of PDST’s Shape and Space Manual 14. Renewed focus on problem solving – agreed problem solving strategy in all classrooms (RUCSAC) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family support worker (Agnes) concentrating on attendance (SCP Supported Initiative) 2. Breakfast club – only available to children to arrive in school before 9am. 3. Lunch club 4. Homework club (SCP Supported Initiative) 5. Attendance monitoring system (SCP Supported Initiative) 6. Cookery classes on Mondays and Friday 7. Attendance policy – published on school website – Text messages and letters sent to parents/guardians re attendance issues. 8. Principal to meet with parents of children displaying poor school attendance patterns 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy on communication structure – and published on the school website 2. Continued Support for Parent/Guardian Association – Talks for parents/guardians e.g. Healthy Eating/RSE/Internet Safety 3. Coffee mornings (SCP Supported Initiative) 4. Open Day in advance of enrolment week 5. Information meetings for parents/guardians of children in 3rd class standard 6. School website and e-newsletters to keep parents/guardians informed of news and events 7. Provision of parent-teacher meeting room to facilitate meetings with parents/guardians 8. Follow up on parent teacher meetings – Teachers to make contact with those who did not attend 9. Increased parental input into Individual Education Process (IEP)