



Solefield School

Strategic Priorities 2022 - 2023

From the vision we have developed six priorities that are the drivers for our school plan. In addition to input from the stakeholders (boys, parents, staff and governors), Solefield receives regular feedback and advice from serving Team Inspectors regarding the academic and leadership parts of this plan.

Priority 1 – Academic

How can we improve the quality of what is on offer within the academic classroom – curriculum and delivery?

Priority 2 – Pastoral

How can we improve the care and overall school experience for boys, including giving them a louder voice?

Priority 3 – Leadership and Management

How can we best use our staff to deliver the school's aims and vision?

Priority 4 – Marketing, Communications and Relationships

How can we improve communications between school and parents, prospective and current?

Priority 5 – Facilities and Catering

How can we improve the fabric of the school and the lunchtime experience for the boys?

Priority 6 – Co-curricular

How can we improve the quality of what is on offer outside the classroom?

Academic

Increase the focus on the more able

Improve the overall quality of lesson delivery

Improve handwriting and grammar skills

Monitor success of the new reading scheme

Monitor the success of the new whole school RSHE Scheme of Work

Increase the use of tracking data to inform planning and monitor progress

Develop the use of ICT including e-learning (report within Facilities section – see below)

Pastoral

Keep building the role of School Council and Eco Team

Track and follow up of playground and disciplinary incidents

Continue to work with working parents with improved wrap care and holiday camps

Maintain our position as a leader for wellbeing - Committee, dogs, hubs, award, lessons

Increase counselling and talktime

Develop awareness of EDI in the school

Develop our pupils' cognitive skills (Thinking Squared school approach)

Leadership & Management

Increase the role and responsibility of the middle manager

Expand and improve our CPD and Inset, both individual and whole school

Ensure regulatory requirements are met for inspection and review policies to ensure they are fit for purpose and comply with all regulations

Marketing, Communications & Relationships

Keep reviewing and extending admissions marketing

Improve communication between home and school

Promote Year 7 retention

Extend feedback to parents regarding pupil progress

Promote Pre-Prep provision

Continue regular Stay and Play sessions for local nursery aged children

Focus on 75th Anniversary and alumni

Facilities & Catering

Improve the lunch experience for boys

Introduce a rolling program of maintenance

Initiate major school development including:

- Cosmetic work to Science Block including living wall

- Explore eco initiatives ie. Solar power, green spaces

- Reconfiguration of classrooms, admin space

- Outside space

Develop ICT facilities, curriculum & e-Learning

Co-curricular

Clubs

Increase the number of clubs available

Increase participation in competitions

Centralise key data on all external coaches

Create a handbook for (external) club takers

Improve the efficiency of billing for clubs

Music

Broaden the curriculum to give further musical opportunities

Challenge the more able including scholars

Increase the emphasis on technology in Music

Drama

Build stronger links with the community through Drama

Raise the profile of Drama, increasing boys' confidence and stretching the more able

Improve the facilities for Drama

Languages

Build links with a school in France

Establish a Yr 7&8 day trip to allow for 'real-life' experience and immersion

Develop cross-curricular links and Language Days

Organise theatre trip

Build on success of clubs

Develop languages other than French within the curriculum

Introduce French at Pre-School level through specialised Stay and Play sessions

Develop activities for the Bilinguals

Sport

Increase the range of sporting opportunities for Solefield boys

Introduce structured targets for the more able

Art

Raise the profile of the Solefield Art department

Identify and stretch the more able in Art

STEM

Monitor our STEM curriculum

Outdoor Learning

Train a member of staff to lead on outdoor learning throughout school, primarily in Pre-Prep

Develop throughout the school

Conclusions

The attached objectives provide a detailed list of activities and targets for the Headmistress and school to follow.

It is important that despite the breadth of this plan, focus must remain on the SIX overriding priorities for the next few years:

- 1. The quality of what is on offer to the boys inside and outside the classroom – HM/ KE**
 - a. Focus on the more able

- b. Improving the quality of lesson delivery
- c. Developing the use of ICT
- d. Co-curricular development

2. Appropriate staffing levels (Early Years and KS1, More Able, Admin) and competitive salaries – HM

- a. TA support for more able and cover of teaching shortfall arising from greater staff responsibilities
- b. Admin support to ease pressure on admin team
- c.

3. Compliance with the latest legislation and Independent Schools Inspectorate regulations – HM

- a. Ongoing Team Inspector support
- b. Training to ensure best practice, especially within safeguarding and compliance

4. The updating of facilities to ensure the best experience for the boys – HM/ JC/ LS

- a. Rolling programme of maintenance
- b. Investment in ICT

5. Review and develop marketing

- a) Set marketing strategy with regular reviews
- b) Explore Open Morning options
- c) Develop social media and website
- d) Build marketing team and connections with experts

6. The financing of the above whilst ensuring the long-term financial stability of the school – Finance Committee and HM