School Development Plan 23/24 – What are we doing to make Upper Beeding the best school it can be?



Helping more children make better than expected progress

We are continuing to develop our approaches to teaching and learning by improving our pupils' use of metacognition.

We are training our teachers in how to use metacognition with pupils.

We are working with West Sussex on a project called 'Everyone Achieves' designed to help Disadvantaged pupils make greater progress.



Making sure our curriculum is current and exciting

We are looking at improving our use of the outdoor space to give children opportunities to learn outdoors.

We are planning new and exciting visits and visitors to our school to support our termly topics.

We are seeking funding to develop an outside learning space for KS1.



Improving school attendance

We have set a target of +95%. We are motivating children to come to school by celebrating and rewarding those classes with the best attendance.

We are monitoring the children's attendance carefully and will be keeping in regular contact with the parents of children whose attendance is less than 95%. Where necessary we will invite parents to meetings or attendance workshops to help improve their children's attendance



Helping to improve the progress all pupils make in reading, writing and maths

We are tracking progress carefully through assessment, book looks and observations.

We hold termly pupil progress meetings with staff to carefully track progress and to create support programmes for pupils who may be finding aspects of the curriculum difficult.

We are taking part in a West Sussex project called 'Write from the Start' to improve children's outcomes in Writing.

We are working with the West Sussex Maths Hub on Maths Mastery.



Developing wellbeing

We are working with OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) to develop playtimes for the children so that they are more physically and mentally engaging.

We are funding an extra afternoon a week for an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) to provide emotional and social skills support to children.

We have further developed our Sensory Circuits area to help children be calm, organised and ready for learning.