Reporting a Governor visit to Kea School

Name: Revd. Marc Baker Date: 26th March 2015

Purpose of the Visit

RE Link Governor visit to participate in the teaching of RE to Year Six.

Links with the School Improvement Plan

Re Governor's Twenty Questions: Engagement: Are we properly engaged with our school community, the wider school sector and the outside world?

Governor Observations and Comments

The aim of the visit was to engage with the teaching of RE in Year Six by taking a lesson and to meet with staff and children.

Links between the school and the local community are excellent and this is demonstrated in the links with St Kea Church. The church had wanted to gift each year six child with an Easter Egg to help them engage with the Christian understanding of Easter and also concerns about Fair Trade and sustainable production. The lesson consisted of an introductory activity, engagement with fair trade chocolate production, engagement with the Easter narrative and an open question and answer session.

Throughout the visit the Year Six children were polite and enormously respectful. They seemed highly motivated and were keen to engage in the whole activity. Especially encouraging was the engagement of the children in the Q&A at the end of the presentation. Each table group had to develop a number of questions and the questions were considered, asked confidently and in some cases followed up by supplementary questions.

It was clear that many of the Year Six children have a quite developed sense of social and moral values. They were able to express and reaffirm these values. They were exercised about issues of fairness and social justice and had an appreciation of some issues related to globalisation and the challenges of international trade.

Throughout the visit the class was very well behaved and there was a strong sense of a calm and positive learning environment. We were able to use modern media in our presentation.

I would like to thank Mrs Green and her class for a very profitable and enjoyable visit.

Any issues arising for the governing body Nil