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School Improvement Plan (SIP)

September 2014

Our School Improvement Plan

<p>Summary of main strengths in SSE June 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Positive attitude to mathematics (Pupils, parents and teachers) ● Well-resourced school ● Individual teacher willingness to try new teaching structures and approaches
<p>Summary of main areas for development identified in SSE June 2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mathematical Language ● Over-reliance on textbooks ● Problem Solving ● Pupil performance in Measures Strand ● Large classes
<p>Improvement Target</p>	<p>Pupils in all classes will construct their own <i>Mathematics Dictionary</i> on key mathematical vocabulary and terminology, as planned by the class teacher, on curriculum-based vocabulary.</p>
<p>Required Actions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Purchase of appropriate and uniform hardback notebooks ● Construction of the <i>Mathematics Dictionary</i> will be planned for in a meaningful way by individual teachers ● The <i>Mathematics Dictionary</i> can act as a home-school communication book for parents to be kept aware of whole school approaches to language and methodologies

Persons Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching staff
Timeframe for Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The construction of the Mathematics Dictionary will commence in the school year 2014-2015.
Success Criteria	<p>We will know this target has been successful when we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get qualitative feedback from pupils, parents and teachers on its usefulness • Observe improvements in the problem solving approaches used by children (language based)
Review Date	June 2015