

First Tower School



Jersey Premium Evaluation 2020

Cohort & Funding	2020
Jersey Premium Budget	£140,700
Number of pupils eligible for Jersey Premium	140
% of pupils eligible for Jersey Premium	37
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Teaching projects

Project and Rationale	Medium Impact
Aim: Pupils are taught by highly skilled practitioners who have high expectations	The quality of teaching has improved- moderated by both an external Lead Reviewer
for achievement	and Senior Advisor from SIAS. since the Jersey Schools Review report was published
Activity: Lesson Study	(Jan 20).
Rationale: Lesson study is a strategy for improving teaching, learning and the	The impact of Lesson Study has been limited due to school closure and the restrictions
curriculum. It is in widespread use in Asia and USA. In the UK it has been used to	of COVID guidance and legislation. Funding from this project was reallocated to the
develop broader pedagogic strategies	library project. This activity will continue as soon as schools are able to operate under
	more normal guidelines.
Project and Rationale	Medium Impact
Aim: High quality resources including literature used to motivate and inspire	IPC has been purchased and is being used to deliver non-core subjects in KS1 and KS2.
pupils. The curriculum meets statutory requirements and promotes equality for	Due to school closure and COVID restrictions limiting school visits and visitors, the
all.	impact is medium. Time is needed to embed IPC, therefore this activity will continue.
Activity: Purchase International Primary Curriculum (IPC) to assist in the teaching	
of foundation subjects.	Reading scheme and library books have been purchased to support teaching of
	reading and IPC, impact has been limited due to school closure and COVID restrictions
Purchase new reading scheme to improve reading fluency	which do not enable children to access the school library directly themselves. As both

Continue to refresh/update library books Rationale: Statutory requirement that pupils have access to a broad and balanced curriculum. That this promotes equality and is aspirational. High quality literature including demanding age appropriate texts have proven to improve pupils reading age. (Herts for Learning reading fluency project Impact Report 2018)	the reading scheme and library were outdated this activity and investment in high quality literature will continue.
Project and Rationale	Medium Impact
Aim: Pupils have secure mathematical fluency skills. Activity: CPD for year 2 class teachers x 2 – achieving age related expectations CPD for whole staff including teaching assistants delivered by trainer from UK Rationale: "Quick retrieval of number facts is important for success in mathematics." "Teaching should emphasise the many connections between different mathematical facts, procedures and concepts to create a rich network." EEF Improving Mathematics in Key Stages 2 & 3.	CPD delivered successfully prior to school closure. Impact has been limited as teachers need time to embed new knowledge and understanding acquired from CPD. High quality CPD will continue with a new focus on improving writing, SDP priority.
Cost for projects	£61,100

Targeted academic interventions

Project and Rationale	Medium Impact
Aim: Pupils are taught by highly skilled practitioners who have high expectations	School closure and COVID restrictions hindered recruitment processes in 2020, new
for achievement	staff commenced employment once schools reopened fully. Support staff were
Activity: Same day intervention: additional support staff utilised to enable either	deployed in school during school closure to support vulnerable learners. Funds which
the class teacher or teaching assistant to deliver targeted support to specific pupils.	were not spent on this project were reallocated to purchase additional books for the schools' reading scheme. Time is needed to embed same day intervention and
Rationale: High quality targeted support can be effective in supporting children's	targeted support so this activity will continue and be extended in 2021.
learning. (EEF Improving Maths in KS1 and EYs Jan 20)	
The EEF teaching and learning toolkit also indicates that small group tuition is	
effective as it allows for greater feedback from the teacher and increased	
engagement from pupils.	
Cost for project	£79,600

Wider Strategies

Project and Rationale	Medium Impact
Aim: Attendance rates for pupils eligible for Jersey Premium are at least 96%.	The global pandemic has caused great anxiety amongst the parental school
Activity: Deputy Headteacher monitors pupils and follows up quickly on	community and with some pupils impacting overall school attendance. This is now
absences. First day response provision.	returning to normal but as the future remains uncertain monitoring attendance will
Attendance reports shared and reviewed with targeted families in accordance	continue as a priority in 2021
with any attendance/punctuality plans.	
Rationale: We cannot improve pupils' progress if they are not in school. NFER	
briefing for school leaders identifies addressing attendance as a key step.	
Cost for project	Nil