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Foreword

It gives me great pleasure, as Head teacher at Air Balloon Hill Junior School, to write the foreword for this book written by my Deputy, Sarah Bainbridge.

Our school has traditionally enjoyed a high level of pupil achievement and it was far from clear at the outset how further work on our vision could benefit us. However, having seen the results of all the hard work that Sarah and the staff have put into this project I can now safely say that we need not have worried! Having a vision seems to act as a lubricant to everything we do, from the quality of the teaching right down to the cleanliness of the playground. We now all share a common view point on the direction our school should take and the final destination on which we should all focus. It is important that everyone shares this strategic viewpoint (not just the management team) and the methods outlined in this book show how this has been achieved. Through careful consultation with staff, students, parents, carers and governors, and the subsequent implementation of many good ideas, our school has benefited since this work was started. I therefore recommend this book as a source of inspirational ideas and practical actions that you too can take to make your school a better place.

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