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Developing Policies for Outstanding Teaching and Learning

Dear Customer,

Thank you for purchasing these materials.

This package includes four related model documents:

Leading Towards Outstanding Teaching and Learning - which sets out the school's expectations for leaders in securing great teaching and learning.

Teaching for Learning Policy - which provides a whole-school approach and involves every member of staff.

Framework for Effective Teaching and Learning - which describes the nuts and bolts of good classroom practice and forms an annex to the Teaching for Learning Policy.

Observation and Monitoring Policy and Calendar - Some simple rules!

The Teaching for Learning Policy and Framework for Effective Teaching and Learning are set within documentation that will help you to run your own policy-building workshop. The suggested workshop enables participants to develop their own policy and framework for effective teaching and learning, whilst keeping to the structure of the model documents. It is not surprising that similar outcomes are seen at different workshops and a great deal of time can be saved by adapting the model documents to local variations, rather than starting from scratch!

The workshop notes give guideline timings, but there is room for significant variation in the approach. You may, for instance, choose to address the overall policy and the framework for effective teaching and learning separately. It is possible to set up the policy in a 1½ - 2 hour session, but this would not allow much time for discussion of the framework for effective teaching and learning. Some schools have debated the policy and given the framework as an expectation.

The document Leading Towards Outstanding Teaching and Learning is constructed in the same way as the Teaching for Learning Policy, so it is possible to use a similar workshop approach in the development of this policy.

Good luck with your school improvement work!

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