

Presentation College,

Currylea,

Tuam,

Co. Galway.

Roll No. 63170G

**School**

**Improvement Plan**

**Summary of Main Strengths as identified in SSE Report of May 2014**

* Most students starting in this school are in the average/high average category for reading. Approximately 15% are above average.
* Junior Cycle English results are in line with national averages. The number of students taking Higher Level is above the national average.
* The majority of students prefer sharing ideas in small groups. 90% feel comfortable speaking /sharing ideas in these small groups.
* Teachers provide a diverse range of methodologies for students.

**Summary of main areas requiring improvement as identified in SSE Report of May 2014**

* Approximately 40% of students read for less than 1 hour per week for enjoyment or not at all.
* Accessing reading material through the use of digital media is not popular.
* Students prefer to complete tasks assigned rather than researching.
* Learning outcomes are not always shared with students at start of every class.
* There is room for improvement on the effective use of pair/group work.

**Improvement Targets [related to students’ achievement]**

1. We hope to increase the number of students reading for enjoyment from 48% in 2013/2014 to 58% in 2014/2015, to 65% in 2015/2016 and 78% in 2015/2017.

*Required Actions*

* All teachers are to use strategies for improving comprehension. SEN Department will present ideas in August 2014 and this will be reviewed at each subsequent Staff Meeting in 2014/2015.
* We hope to encourage the use of digital media as a Reading resource by alerting students to websites and Twitter pages of interest to them. This will be done on a monthly basis through our website, intercom and digital display boards.

1. To increase the number of teachers who stated that they were confident using pair/group work effectively in class.

**Required Actions**

* CPD will be available to staff through the PDST during 2014/2015.
* Teachers who use pair/group work regularly will present their experiences at staff meetings throughout 2014/2015.
* Principal will share ideas on “think-pair-share” through group email.

**Persons Responsible**: All teachers.