**Summary of Grange PPS SSE Report 2014**

**Context:**

Grange Post Primary is a mixed gender second-level school operating under the auspices of the ETB sector. It is based in a small rural town in North County Sligo. The catchment area encompasses 7 primary schools, predominantly small in size. Student numbers have been rising steadily over the past 10 years. We practice and promote academic excellence, integration and inclusion.

**Strengths:**

* High teacher awareness of context and ability of students evident.
* Strong evidence of use of creative interactive teaching methodologies and active student-centred learning.
* Evidence of significant strengths in consistent teaching approaches to written work
* Students have high attainment in areas such as:
  + Clear and legible writing
  + Appropriate use of tenses
  + Use of complete sentences
  + Use of subject specific vocabulary

**Areas for improvement:**

We plan to target the following areas for improvement initially:

* Reading ability of students
* Reading comprehension ability
* Spelling ability

Followed by promoting higher order skills such as:

* Ability to summarise information accurately
* Broaden vocabulary usage
* The ability to deliver oral presentations

**Summary of Grange PPS School Improvement Plan 2014**

**Targets:**

1. We aim to increase the **functional/ word reading** age of students.

1. We aim to **broaden vocabulary** usage

1. We aim to improve student’s ability to **summarise information** effectively

**Actions:**

The following initiatives will be undertaken to achieve the above targets:

* Reading Development Initiative
* Writing development initiative
* Vocabulary development initiative
* School wide AFL approach to correct written work
* Whole School approach to develop spelling strategies

**Dates for review:**

The above plan is a three year plan and is due for review in May 2016, although elements will be monitored and analysed throughout.

**Ratified by Board of Management**: 23rd of October 2014

**Signed by:** (Chairperson)