



West Park C.E. Primary School

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Dear All,

As the 2019-2020 Academic Year draws to a close we can reflect on the exciting, interesting and challenging year it has been!

We have so much to celebrate in school; from a brilliant virtual sports day to wonderful nativity performances and of course getting a 'Good' result from our Ofsted inspection back in December.

The Governors gain so much from the visits to the school. The children are always welcoming and excited to tell us about their latest topic or show us the math's work they are completing in their books. These visits enable us to support the school team in delivering the vision and values of the school. We would like to thank the children for their enthusiasm and the teachers for working with us during our visits.

Many of the plans for this year have been affected by Covid-19 and the national lockdown. We are acutely aware of what a difficult time this has been for so many of you. We would like to acknowledge how amazing the children have been throughout this time. Whether they have been at school or at home they have still contributed to school life in so many wonderful ways. We also want to thank all of the parents, carers and other support networks that have adapted their home/working lives in order to keep their children safe at home and help them to complete the school work made available to them. We understand what a challenging time this has been for you and are very grateful for the support you have given to both the children and the school.

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers and support staff at West Park. These times have required even more effort from you all to ensure that all of the children still feel a part of the West Park family. You have worked tirelessly to keep the children safe at school and to enable children at home to access their learning opportunities. We hope you have a well-deserved summer break.

To the Senior Leadership team and Office teams, your planning and ability to adapt to ever changing situations has been amazing. Many of you have not had a day off since lockdown – you have been at school throughout Easter and half term holidays to ensure the children of key workers were able to attend school. Thank you for your ongoing incredible efforts.

Finally to Mrs Bull, our Headteacher, you lead us all with such determination and resilience. The challenges you have dealt with over the past few months have been like nothing before but still you have ensured the wellbeing of the children and your team. Thank you for looking after the West Park family.

We wish you all an enjoyable summer break and look forward to returning in September.

The Board of Governors.



We currently have some vacancies on the Board of Governors– please see the information below and contact us if you are interested in these varied and fulfilling roles.

What is a School Governor?

We are sometimes asked what a School Governor is and, more importantly, what we do so we thought it would be helpful to explain a little more around the role of the Governing Board.

Our role and structure

At a high level, our role is to help shape the education our children receive.

Governing bodies include a wide range of people with different skills and backgrounds. Governors come from all sections of the community and we actively encourage diversity. They can be parents, staff at the school or residents from the local area with an interest in education.

We currently operate with a main governing board and two committees – one for education and one for business.

We have three strategic objectives:

- To ensure the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined
- To hold the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- To oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent

What do we do in practice?

- ✓ Take part in regular committee meetings
- ✓ Undertake regular school monitoring visits as it's important to get to know staff, children and how the school works
- ✓ Actively contribute to decisions made at meetings
- ✓ Ask lots of questions.
- ✓ Agree and prioritise areas of focus for development
- ✓ Monitor the achievements and progress of children
- ✓ Agree policies and practice
- ✓ Agree and monitor financial budgets
- ✓ Appoint the head teacher and other senior staff
- ✓ Responsible and accountable for all major decisions about the school and its future

How to contact us

If you would like to learn more about the work of the Governing body or speak with one of the Governors, we can be contacted via Miss N Weller in the school office.

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