



Launde Primary School

Governor Newsletter



December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the start of this year when times were still uncertain, we took the opportunity to share with you some of the changes at the school and Governing Body over the summer and look forward to the upcoming year.

We continue to be both pleased and grateful with the community spirit and how well parents, staff and governors work together in the best interests of the children in our care. Throughout the year we have celebrated the hard work and development that has gone into supporting facilities for the children, such as funds raised by PTA for the KS1 library. It is very welcoming to see the community maintain this standard as we approach the end of a challenging year and into the holidays.

Welcome to our new Governors

We have the pleasure of welcoming two new members to the governing body team this term. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Kynaston-Pearson and Mr Iqbal to our next 'virtual' Governing Body meeting.

Covid response by the school

Working through the term, we have all pulled together to provide support in delivering a safe, high-quality teaching/learning environment for all involved. To achieve this, those involved have worked through both term-times and school holidays, adjusting to changes in conditions and requirements. The result has been evident in the positive responses of the children at school and we hope this is recognised by their families too. As we know this change of situation is not yet over and as we look to one another for continued support at this time, the governing body would like to reiterate the importance of all our families in adhering to the following:

- **Isolation** - As we continue to see some require periods of isolation to avoid further exposure within the community, please follow self-isolation guidelines and respect the wishes and concerns of those in a different situation to yourself.
- **Home Learning** – This has been successfully run through Microsoft Teams. Staff have reported to us that it is well used and has been developed over the term.
- **Compliance with guidelines** –Please take note of and respect the signs and guidelines relating to social-distancing and mask wearing. This is of particular importance when moving in and around the school grounds and surrounding area at drop-off and collection times.



We, the governing body, would like to again thank the teachers, office and support staff and school leadership team, for their hard work and tireless efforts. As parents and governors, we see the extra steps taken to continue maintaining a school to such a high standard and it is wholeheartedly appreciated. In addition, we the governing team would also like to thank the parents (you) and the families of the pupils at Launde. Thank you for your cooperation and

support of those involved in the school. It is this approach to working together through both simple and more challenging time that shows in the lives of the children and community.

Monitoring of Educational Standards through School Visits

Throughout the year, the governing team have conducted sessions with the school staff to continue in the spirit of working together and reviewing the processes and outcomes. This has continued in the latter part of the year with virtual school visits conducted for Health & Safety, Maths and English. A school website compliance check has also been undertaken. These have all been carried out virtually. We thank the staff involved in these visits, it really highlights to us the hard work they have been doing to continue to improve standards. We will include details of our findings next term.

Christmas 2020 Activities

This year we will see an adjustment to the normal festive storytelling for the children as we respect the guidelines around movement and gatherings. We are pleased to hear that the school joined together for a virtual pantomime for classes to watch and enjoy, conducted in class bubbles to ensure no change in conditions for the children. We were also delighted to hear that the children have also been busy practising a Christmas audio for parents and families to enjoy. We thank the staff for their efforts in compiling this and working with the children to continue to make memories in these different times.



Our Christmas message to you all



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all, we hope that everyone can safely and responsibly enjoy the limited freedom we have from lockdowns over the festive period.



From Launde Governing Body

