

Prior Heath Infant School



Status confirmed 2010!

10 July 2017

Dear Parents

First of all I would like to thank you, on behalf of the Governing body, for your continuing support for Prior Heath. We recognise that there are many parties involved in the education and welfare of our children and by working together we continue to keep Prior Heath as an outstanding school!

The Governing Body are a pivotal aspect of school life and I'd like to share with you the following information so that you are aware of the areas that we get involved with and understand a little more about the Body itself.

Meeting of the Governing Body, 26 June 2017

Administration of the Governing Body

We are delighted that Mr Heagren has agreed to serve another 4 year term of office and will become a Co-opted governor next term. Mr Holmes has joined as Parent Governor and brings IT knowledge and expertise which will strengthen the breadth of experience of the governing body. A self-evaluation of the Governing Body will take place in September to determine and address any weaknesses and help us improve our support to the school.

The following policies were agreed for adoption: Health & Safety, Data Protection, Financial, Online Safety, Attendance, Single Equality, Collective Worship, Touch and Use of Restrictive Physical Intervention.

Operational Business

We received a very favourable report from Mrs McClelland on the results of the end of KS1 and the EYFS. Additionally she shared the excellent moderation outcomes for the EYFS, phonics and KS1. Phonics had been moderated successfully for security and administration. In the EYFS and KS1 all judgements had been upheld and moderators had praised the breadth and depth of the evidence base and provision for English and Maths.

The Governors recorded their appreciation of the hard work and dedication of staff which enabled such high achievement and Mrs McClelland noted that our wonderful pupils, who have worked so hard, had also been supported very effectively by parents.

The refurbishment of the school kitchen has now been completed and Wi Fi installed throughout the school in preparation for the introduction of learning pads. We would like to thank the PTA for their continued support in funding the improvements to our IT infrastructure.

The school website publishes statutory and other useful information online. This includes the Pupil Premium and Sports Funding strategy, and the "Local Offer" for Special Educational Needs as well as information on governing body interests and attendance.

Strategic Business

Action plans are being developed for three focus areas covered at the School Development Planning meeting in March as follows:

Primary PE funding: A number of suggestions were made for the use of this funding and Miss Clarke is considering these with staff to establish which will have the best possible pupil impact and therefore best use of funding for the next academic year.

Website: A number of very useful suggestions for improvements to the website were made and will be investigated for feasibility over the next academic year: the use of Pupil Voice on the website, inclusion of pupil quotes from interviews, the use of Survey Monkey, inclusion of Parent Feedback summary from parent survey, more prominent Photo Tour of School (now moved next to prospectus), staff portraits and secure governor page (now constructed for September use).

Eco Green Flag status : The meeting allowed staff to review the current focuses and a new action plan has been drawn up covering topics for a three year period, involvement from parents with an interest in environmental matters will be sought during the Autumn term to assist Miss Myring with gathering evidence to present to Eco Schools.

We will continue to update parents on these developments throughout the year and I would like to thank all those who contributed to the school development meeting.

The Governing Body plans to meet on

Tuesday 19 September 2017 Business meeting

Tuesday, 21 November 2017

On behalf of The Governors I would like to wish you all a sunny and restful summer break.



Martyn Keates
Chair of Governors