

Prior Heath Infant School



Status confirmed 2010!

8th July 2019

Dear Parents

We're nearing the end of another school year and our children in Year 2 will be leaving us shortly to go on to their next school. How they have grown in so many ways, physically, emotionally, academically and much more. It is hard to quantify the impact that so many associated with the school have had on these young children in their development whether it's been their class teacher, TAs, Mrs McClelland, lunchtime supervisors, parent helpers, school visitors, Bailey our listening dog, the office staff or parents who support external trips and home learning. On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards this excellent support of our pupils.

September will see a new intake of 60 children joining the school at the start of their educational journey and your Governing body are fully committed to ensuring the high standards continue to exist at our school. We do this by meeting each term to focus on childrens' progress and achievements, school development (both educational and structural) and identifying how we can further support the continuing success of Prior Heath.

Meeting of the Governing Body, 25th June 2019

Administration of the Governing Body

We are delighted to confirm that James Kilford has been appointed onto the Governing Body as a parent governor. We have two further vacancies for which we would welcome any interest for either a parent governor or a co-opted governor.

Policies relating to the school are available on the school website following agreed documented changes.

Operational Business

The Governors discussed the results available for the school year and are delighted to report continuing successes across many aspects such as reading and writing; in particular in phonics and spelling. Staff have identified future school development focuses including: a review of the whole curriculum, the progression of skills and knowledge in particular the application of Maths and English skills and knowledge across the curriculum. A specific focus is also planned for Geography and PSHCE to review and enhance the provision within these subjects.

During the school year the Governors take part in Learning Walks which provide us with the opportunity to review progress of the school development plan focuses, safeguarding, evaluate the implementation of the core values of the school and engage with pupils. On each and every occasion we come away with positive feedback and would like to thank the teaching staff for their unending commitment to the pupils and the school.

Strategic Business

As a Governing body we are aware of the high standards that need to be maintained within the school and as part of our own educational support system we attend training sessions, on-line webinars, etc. to ensure that we are up to date with the requirements to fulfil our responsibilities. One aspect that we will be looking into next term relates to the changing Ofsted framework so that we will be up to date in the event Prior Heath were to be inspected in the near future.

There is always a discussion relating to Academisation and, at this stage, we do not believe that there are sufficient benefits to pursue this route in the short term. We believe that our school is well managed, well run and well supported.

The Governing Body plans to meet on:

Tuesday 24th September 2019 Business meeting

Tuesday 19th November 2019 Autumn Full Governing Body Meeting

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Keates', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Martyn Keates
Chair of Governors