

# Prior Heath Infant School

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

## Dear Parents

Another year has flown by (where did it go!) and the next few months will be focussed on changes for your child. Whether it's moving up from Year R to Year 1 or Year 1 to Year 2, I know our excellent team of staff will be there to support you and your children as they take their next steps forward. For the children in Year 2 there are exciting times ahead as they move to their new school and, not only do we wish them every success and enjoyment in their next stage of school life, we would also like to thank them for their efforts during the last 3 years. It's been a challenging time for parents and staff since March 2020 however the impact that it has had on the children during this time is immense. It's a great credit to you, as parents, the staff at the school and the children themselves that the pandemic has had a negligible impact on the academic and personal achievements that have been experienced.

## Meeting of the Governing Body 21 June 2022

### Administration of the Governing Body

We are now in fully face to face Governing Body meetings which makes discussion and involvement significantly better which impacts favourably for the school.

### Operational and Strategic Business

Our school attendance remains fairly high although below the expected standard. Whilst there were continuing absences for health reasons, particularly as COVID does remain in varying disguises, there were an increased number of holiday requests during the school term time. Whilst some of this may be down to cancellations and re-arrangements (due to the pandemic) the expectation is that the 2022-23 academic year will return to normality and that attendance will be near to the 100% mark. Continuing education is essential for all children and at EYFS and Key Stage 1 we are giving the children the building blocks for their future. This can be achieved with consistent school attendance which helps the children and staff alike.

Not only has the year flown by but also the visit from OFSTED seems to be in the distant past although it was less than a year ago! Since that inspection we have seen Mrs Chivers put into place some significant plans to build upon the development priorities that were identified in the report. In addition the Governing Body is looking to re-appraise itself and become more focused on supporting the school and holding the school to account. We are reviewing the 'need' for meetings and looking at how we can make more efficient use of our time – this development is an exciting change for us and will be brought into place for the 2022-23 academic year. This will be discussed at our next Full Governing Body meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September. We still have vacancies on the Governing Body for 2 Governors and should anyone wish to take this step please contact the school office for further information.

On behalf of The Governors, I would like to thank you for your support and wish you all a very happy summer break.



Martyn Keates  
Chair of Governors