



Governor Spotlight June 2020

Dear Parents & Carers & Staff,

We're sure you'll agree the last few months have been somewhat challenging; however, it seems there is some light at the end of the tunnel with the government slowly relaxing the lockdown measures thus allowing us to focus on ensuring all children can return to school.

We wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the work that has been going on 'behind the scenes' at Local Board level.

Supporting the School

We have been keeping in constant communication with Mr Maddison, ensuring he and his staff are fully supported and we are on hand to discuss with him, at short notice, any decisions that need to be made.

For example, we are delighted that we have been able to welcome back the majority of children from Reception and Year 1 as well as offer a Keeping in Touch (KIT) day for Year 6 but this would not have been possible without a lot of hard work, planning, creativity and dedication from Mr Maddison and his staff.

Liaising with Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust (DBAT)

Throughout this process we have also been keeping in close communication with DBAT.

Every two weeks we participate in a 'DBAT Chairs' meeting where the Chairs of each DBAT school have the opportunity to meet via Zoom and update each other as to what has been happening at their schools. We also get to hear from (and feed into) the DBAT Directors as to the plans to deliver the best education to our children in this 'new constant' we live in.

Whilst we cannot elaborate on any actual plans at this time, we can assure you that there is a lot of hard work going into designing a recovery curriculum which will encompass not only the educational aspects required but also a focus on the mental wellbeing of the children and staff. Plans of which will be communicated before the end of term.

Our next DBAT meeting is on 1st July which we are sure will include a section on the new government grant that has been recently announced.

Local Board Meetings

It has been business as usual here. We have held 3 'virtual' Local Board meeting's during lockdown and whilst some aspects that would usually have been discussed have had to be set aside for now, we have had numerous topics to discuss and decisions to be made from the adoption of new policies to the schools short-term and long-term budgets, planning and resourcing.

Our next meeting is the 14th July.



Local Board Recruitment

We have previously advertised for new members to join the Local Board and thank you to everyone that have expressed an interest in joining. DBAT are currently reviewing the 'make-up' of all Local Boards within the Trust, which may mean that changes need to be made to who and how many people sit on each Local board. We have therefore put recruitment for new members on hold.

An Eye to the Future

It is unfortunate that we cannot welcome back any more students at this time however with Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 as well as Key Worker and Vulnerable Children across the year groups back to school in some capacity and recent news that the government intends to have all children back to school in September, our focus is on September and ensuring that as a school we can not only welcome back all children but that they have the support that is required to enable them to flourish on their return.

If you have any questions for the Local Board, please contact us.

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