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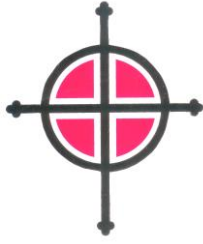
Dear Parents and Carers,

As Chair of Governors I take this opportunity to welcome all new families to the school. I hope that children are settling well into their new routines and classes and look forward to meeting some new faces on my visits to school.

The role of the governing body at school is to work with the school to ensure it delivers good quality education. Together with the head teacher, who is responsible for all day-to-day management, we set the school aims and policies. The children and their outcomes are at the centre of all that we do as a governing body, alongside ensuring that resources are spent appropriately and positively affect pupil outcomes. We do this through regular full governing body meetings, committees, learning walks, ongoing training, objective setting and data analysis throughout the year. A full summary of our activities for the previous year, which will further explain our role, can be found in our Impact Statement 2018-19 which has been sent as a separate document to accompany this letter.

We are holding an extraordinary Governing Body Meeting next week to look at our vision for the school for the next five years. It is important that as governors we remain focussed on the strategy for the school at all times as this drives the school forwards. While we do this it is good to reflect on just a few of achievements of recent years:

- The successful change to the size of the school from 2-form entry to 3-form entry and the recruitment and operational changes need to accommodate that.
- The extension of the school building and refurbishment of the entire school.
- The refurbishment of playground equipment, a new jungle gym, new ball court and the spiritual garden.
- The pupil attainment being significantly above National and Warrington averages at every level of the school every year.
- Introduction of Singapore Maths at all levels of the school.
- Introduction of the China exchange programme.
- School achieving Stonewall accreditation.
- The development of the new school library.
- The appointment of a full time Sports Coach.
- The acquisition of many more tablets and devices for coding work at all levels.



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We continue to urgently press the Local Authority for a remedy to the issues on our West Wing building. We are as frustrated as you all are with the continued need for a cordon and I have now asked the Local Authority to write to all parents to explain what actions are being taken and when. I have also requested that the leader of the council attends school to meet with us and progress matters. The LA letter to you all will be sent next week. I remain resolute that the safety of our pupils, families and staff remains our focus and we will not accept an incomplete solution. If you have any queries on this please do feel free to contact the LA.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and please do continue to check the excellent and informative school website which is constantly being updated with class news, photos and resources to support your child's learning journey at the school. A school that is going from strength to strength, with the children, their wellbeing and their outcomes at its heart.

With best wishes,

Kate Strickland-Wright
Chair of Governors