



St Philip Westbrook

C of E Aided Primary School

'Together we aim high and with God's love we can fly'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As governors at school we continuously look at attainment and outcomes for all of the pupils, as they are at the heart of all that we do. There have been excellent attainment levels during my 8 years as a governor, and during my 3 years as Chair we have seen many changes and development of the school to support this. We have expanded by around 50% in both pupil numbers and staff, we have extended and redeveloped the entire school site including a new ball court, playground provision, new library and also developed new experiences for our pupils such as Foxhowl, London and the China residentials. We have created large banks of tablets and devices for all levels of the school to ensure we are meeting up to date curriculum demands and we have brought in full time sports coaching.

To build on our success further I recently called an extraordinary governing body meeting to look at our future plans to provide focus and continued drive for our school. The result of this is a 5 year vision which includes:

- Forge stronger links with the community.
- Further support the work of St Philip's Church through links with church groups such as Transform.
- Develop our link club and holiday provision to meet the demands of a growing school and the needs of parents.
- Make the best use of the space we have to broaden what we can offer children.

As the school has grown, our infrastructure has remained and whilst we have spent some time making improvements such as new ways of operating for our link club, we are aware of the needs of our families and how these have developed. We have a growing waiting list for link club sessions and continuing demand for holiday club provision. We also have larger reception classes and more pupils arriving at different levels of school readiness. Therefore the governing body has agreed unanimously to the following strategy and programme of development for the direct benefit of our pupils, and their families:

1. Complete redevelopment and refurbishment of our outside classroom in Easter 2020 to include new floor surfacing, artificial grass, a polycarbonate canopy, roadway, quiet area, stage area plus new equipment and seating.
2. Replacement of all soffits and gutters throughout the building to maintain our wonderful school facility.
3. Tendering for pre-school provision to ensure higher pupil intake for our larger school community.
4. Expansion of the existing cabin building by siting a new cabin directly adjacent to it to ensure a larger pre-school provision and link club provision.
5. Development of the holiday club for more pupils and longer times.

This is an exciting plan for our school and one that has been necessitated by our community's needs. By these steps we can ensure that more families can get the provision they need before school age, or for existing siblings of the school, and while they are at our school be supported by wrap around care for our working families.



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We hope these plans will future proof our school facility, bolster admissions and in turn funding, support our working families with increased link club provision on the same site at school and provide, in time, financial support to our school for continued excellent resources, appropriate staffing and high quality facilities.

If you have any queries please contact the school office at StPhilips_Primary@warrington.gov.uk.

Regards,

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Chair of Governors, St Philip's Westbrook