



DOWNVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

July 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Another school year is drawing to a close and I am convinced they go by quicker every year! Downview has had yet another busy year and I do hope that all the children have had a thoroughly enjoyable year and are looking forward to their new adventures in September.

Governors:

At the end of this term we will be saying a sad farewell to some of our Governors. They are Anthony Holland, Phil Nicholas and Chris Pacey, all of whom have been a member of the Governing Body for over 7 years. Chris shall remain as a Trustee of the Downview Trust. James Martin will also be standing down as a Staff Governor. I would like to thank all four of them for their hard work and support. The meetings will seem strange without them.

As a result of these changes, we will be looking for a new Parent Governor in September so if you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please look out for the letter at the beginning of next term. We will also be looking for a Co-Opted Governor. This governor would need to be someone who does not have any children or grandchildren at the school but would still like to get involved. For both of these positions we are particularly looking for someone with financial experience. If you know of anyone who would be interested please ask them to contact me via the school office or website.

Governors Visits and Open Morning:

Monitoring the School Improvement Plan has an important part to play in the role of Governors. To help do this Governors undertake individual visits to the school and the focus of the visits this year was Maths. Without exception, all Governors reported that they had enjoyable and informative visits.

The Governors Open Morning took place on 25th April and our focus for that was Writing which is another key issue on the School Improvement Plan. We had a great morning and all the children were working hard and enjoying their learning. It was a pleasure to meet them. Our report on the morning can be found on the school website. We have also put together a portfolio of the morning which includes a copy of the report, and this can be found in the reception area of the school. All are welcome to look at it.

Governors Development Plan:

The Governors carry out a self-review on an annual basis and this took place at our July Full Governing Body Meeting. We analysed various aspects of our work, reviewed our Governor Development Plan for 2016/17 and decided what will be in our development plan for 2017/18.

As a Governing Body, we strive to improve the way in which we carry out our statutory duties. If you believe there are ways in which we could improve we would welcome your suggestions. Just contact me in the usual way.

Staff:

Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank every single member of the staff for all their hard work over the last year. We hugely appreciate everything they do for the school.

We would also like to wish James Martin, Jess Lippitt, Lin Wilson and Neeve Oldfield a sad but fond farewell and wish them all happiness and success for their new adventures.

We look forward to welcoming Faye Hawkins and Molly Mitchell to Downview in September.

Finally, we would like to bid farewell to all our current Year 6's as they venture out to pastures new.

I wish you all a peaceful and happy summer. Let's hope for great weather.

Kind regards

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Chair of Governors