



Eastbrook Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

After another challenging term, we would like to start by paying tribute to our wonderful school staff, who have continued to show tremendous dedication and commitment both to the school and our pupils and we would like to express our huge thanks and appreciation for everything they do. Mrs Naylor has done an incredible job in leading and inspiring the team and we thank her for everything she has achieved as interim Headteacher. Year 6 teachers certainly went 'above and beyond' when, despite suffering from Covid themselves, they continued to teach their pupils remotely. Other staff across all roles have also been impacted in many ways and they too have worked extremely hard and with great flexibility to support each other and offer the best educational experience for our pupils in these difficult circumstances.

We would also like to extend our thanks to all our parents, who have continued to be very supportive and understanding, particularly when the school has had to ask children to stay at home. This has been very much appreciated by Mrs Naylor and the staff team.

Since September Governors have tried to visit the school more although we had to go back to holding our meetings remotely as the number of Covid cases in school increased. We have though endeavoured to continue to support and challenge the school as best we can.

This term there has been a particular focus on the curriculum. Early in the term a team from Reach2 spent some time talking to senior and subject leaders, visiting classes, and speaking to children and looking at children's work. In addition, they spoke with a number of Governors via Zoom about the school offer. Following on from this visit, senior leaders have continued to update the Governors on curriculum developments and plans. Further meetings will consider the impact of these developments on children's learning and enjoyment.

The Chair of Governors, Louise Askew, continues to meet regularly with the Headteacher and has also been actively involved in the recruitment of new staff. Other governors have also supported this process, including Frank Okai-Sam and Marie Willan. Jenny Holter has worked with the Headteacher to evaluate the impact of Pupil Premium funding last year and to help devise the Strategy for the coming academic year. Farrah Heerah has met with senior leaders to discuss data. Emma Taylor has recently taken on the role of Safeguarding governor and has reviewed Safeguarding procedures with the Headteacher and School Business Manager. Frank Okai-Sam has also supported the school in delivering an assembly via Zoom and supporting Y6 with a lesson on Christianity.

There has been just one change to the governing body this term and we extend a warm welcome to our new parent governor, Mr Michael Walker, who has a child in Y1. We hope that he will find the experience of being an Eastbrook governor a rewarding one.

Finally, we would like to wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

The Governors

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