

## Fen Ditton Community Primary School Local Governing Body (LGB) Update – November 2020

Dear Parents,

Following our LGB meeting at the start of the month, here is a bit of an update of what we discussed and what we are working on. Can I remind you that minutes of our meetings once approved are available on the LGB section of the School website, so if you want more information, please have a read, and if you have any questions, do get in touch.

### Governor Recruitment

The potential new Governor who met with us in September agreed to join us and has been approved by the Trust, so we were really pleased to welcome Alex Smaridge to her first official meeting as a Trust Appointed Governor. Alex lives in East Barnwell and works at Anglesey Abbey. She has been supporting Abbey People with the Food Hub through lockdown (and for any who were able to enjoy some of the Cadbury's Chocolate Easter Eggs we had – this was thanks to Alex). Welcome Alex! We were also really pleased to welcome a new Staff Governor, Miss Clough, to her first meeting.

We are also speaking to a couple more people who will be Trust appointed Governors and we have vacancy for one more Parent Governor. We would like to invite nominations for this role, and we plan to hold an election early in the New Year. See the attached letter about the process.

We offer prospective Governors the opportunity to attend a meeting to observe as part of deciding if this is something they would like to commit to. Our next meeting is on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. We will be joined by our two prospective Governors and would welcome any parents interested to attend to. Depending on interest, we may need to manage the numbers, but we are excited to be heading towards full capacity as an LGB.

We are always keen to keep an eye on the future development of the LGB and there is provision for us to have Associate Governors, which is a great way to find out more and grow into the role. If you would like to chat about the role of the Governors and what this might mean in terms of time commitment, I would be delighted to arrange a phone call, online chat, or a socially distanced meeting in time. Drop me an email at the address at the end of this letter.

### Curriculum Review

A new Curriculum policy was introduced at the start of the 2019/20 Academic year, but planned discussions and monitoring of the implementation of this was delayed due to lockdown. We spent some time with Miss James explaining the principles behind the changes introduced and talking about how it had been received. We also spoke about the ongoing monitoring required as the new Curriculum is embedded into the school.

### **Special Educational Needs & Pupil Premium**

Each Year, the LGB need to approve these respective policies and when we do that, we take the time to monitor the provision within the school. Miss James again led us in our discussions.

### **The School Development Plan**

We had a shorter meeting in October to look at this document and to discuss our plans as an LGB to monitor the implementation of this plan over this Academic year. We believe we are well-placed to provide effective monitoring for the School.

There has been a lot of hard work that has been put in by staff, governors, parents and children alike and we want to thank you all for your partnership as we seek to provide the best education we can for your children.

As always, if there is anything I can help with, or you wish to contact me about anything, my details are below.

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Chair of Governors (on behalf of the LGB)

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