



Corvedale CE Primary School

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Governors - End of Term Letter Summer 2019.

It's hard to believe that a year has already passed since Ofsted in 2018. Happily the school is still in a good place with numbers growing, which has triggered extra funding from the Local Authority. Due to the large Y6 class leaving, we will drop from 91 to about 87 pupils for 2019-20. That, however, is still nearly a 12% increase in pupil numbers from September 2018. We want to build on this and have commissioned a new school prospectus and have formed a marketing committee to promote the school.

In other strategic areas we are not at present pursuing any academy routes but, for now, will continue to assess our needs and remain within the Local Authority. Although we remain within their umbrella we do still examine all options regarding value for money and good service. In this respect we are still actively working with Diddlebury Parish Council and Diddlebury Village Hall Committee to try to find funding to improve the poor surface of the parking area.

Financially we are committed to maintaining the class structures which have served us well over the last few years in terms of pupil progress and results. The measures taken in reorganising some staffing have allowed us to do this and maintain a balanced budget. The extra income we have received from the Millichope Trust and purchases by SOCs have been invaluable.

One area of funding that has also made a difference is the Sports Premium Funding we receive from the Government. Our Link Governor Nicky Fuller and the school staff have put together a really good plan showing how this can be used to benefit the health of the children. It will be on the web site for you all to see. It has already contributed to the success we've had in our rowing competitions.

The Local Authority see us as a school that needs only a low level of support due to our overall performance. Your appreciation of this has consistently been shown in the support you give us and your positive responses to our parental surveys. One of the main tasks we have as Governors is constantly to review the school data to see that we are meeting our pupils' needs effectively. This year's KS1 results were in line with national figures and the phonics results were strong. The KS2 results were down, but in line with what was predicted from the cohort's initial intake data.

Whilst two Governors stepped down this year we have successfully replaced them. As previously mentioned Jules Edwards is once again a Parent Governor and we have appointed Richard Coleman as our Local Authority Governor. Richard has a business/managerial background and has extensive experience as a Governor and Chair of Governors in Wiltshire. He will join the Resources Committee. We have also appointed Russell Simm as an Associate Governor. Russell also has a business/managerial background and will serve on the Resources and Standards Committees. The latter two appointments meet a need for Governors with business backgrounds.

Once again we would like to thank you for contributing to another successful and happy year for the pupils of Corvedale School. We hope everyone has a good summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

It only remains to thank everyone for the work that they've put in either as Governors, staff, parents, volunteers, SOCS or pupils to make Corvedale the successful, warm, caring school it is.

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D. Hedgley
Chair of Governors.