



CLIFFE V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 5th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The 2022-2023 academic year is now well underway and as usual I want to take this opportunity to re-introduce you to the school's Governing Body and inform you of the role we will be taking, with the Headteacher and staff, in leading the school through the next school year.

We had our first meeting of the year in school on Tuesday 27th September. All Governors attended and we welcomed our new Staff Governor Roxanne Rose.

As this was the first meeting of the year our first duties were to elect officers, set up Statutory Committees, allocate specific responsibilities to individual governors and set dates for meetings for the 2022-2023 academic year. For your information we hold three Full Governing Body Meetings, three Resources Committee and three School Improvement Committee Meetings each year. We also convene ad hoc meetings as and when required.

Mr Blackwood always provides a detailed Headteachers Report to the Full Governing Body meeting and our discussion focussed on this document. Mr Blackwood told us of how well the new Reception children have responded to starting school and how eager all children are to learn. We approved the new School Development Plan and noted that whilst the focus for curriculum development this year is to improve pupils' Writing across the school, the school is still trying very hard to get pupils' learning back to pre-pandemic levels in all subjects. Mr Blackwood also guided Governors through the other areas of focus in the new School Development Plan which include providing opportunities for pupils to keep themselves mentally healthy, ensuring they feel safe in school and are developing confidence and resilience. The staff will continue to create a broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum. Governors will be meeting with members of staff regularly throughout the year to monitor the progress of actions planned.

As Governors we have a role in overseeing the financial wellbeing and strategic direction of the school. At this present time with current financial restraints, rising fuel costs and ever increasing demands on the school budget we have some potentially difficult decisions to make to streamline the school with regard to the future. As you may be aware the School Budget is entirely driven by the number of pupils attending the school. While we are pleased to say we have again attracted every new Reception pupil in our catchment, the number of potential pupils in the village has been reducing steadily in recent years resulting in very tight budgeting. We will be letting parents know of any changes we have to make to the school structure as soon as decisions are made.





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May I take this opportunity to remind parents that if they feel they are entitled to apply for their child/children to receive Free School Meals they can enquire in confidence with Mrs Stacey at the school office.

Governors reviewed and approved a number of school policies which included those covering, Safeguarding and Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND), First Aid, Fire Safety, On-line Safety. These policies will be available on the school website.

We looked at the school schedule for the upcoming year and were delighted to see such a wonderful variety of experiences planned both in and out of school, to develop pupils' personally and increase their Cultural Capital. We are also pleased that whole school assemblies have resumed.

At the end of each meeting we always record three areas to celebrate, these were agreed as:-

1. The full representation of the Governing Body at the meeting
2. The Governors are very pro-active, all looking forward and their involvement is appreciated.
3. The wider curriculum opportunities and variety in the school diary for the upcoming year.

The Governing Body of Cliffe School and their areas of responsibility are as below

Name	Contact email address	Role	Specific Responsibility
Mary Lumley (Co-opted Governor)	cofg@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk	Chair of Governors	SEND; Pupil Premium; Early Years; Staff Wellbeing; Headteacher Performance Management
Pru Topping (Parent Governor)	ptopping@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk	Vice-Chair of Governors and Vice-Chair of Resources Committee	Headteacher Performance Management; Music; Computing
Rob Allan (Co-opted Governor)	rallan@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk	Chair of Resources Committee	Health and Safety; Sports Premium; PE; History; Geography
Ashley Pickles (Parent Governor)	apickles@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk		Headteacher Performance Management; Art;





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Claire Morrow (Parent Governor)	cmorrow@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk		Maths; Modern Foreign Language
Lara Thornton (Co-opted Governor)	lthornton@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk		English
Carole Middleton (Co-opted Governor)	cmiddleton@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk		Safeguarding and Prevent; Personal Social, Health, Citizenship Education (PSHCE) ; Sex and Relationships Education (SRE); English

As Governors we are in school every Friday morning at the main gate to meet parents and children and to listen to any comments and concerns. Parents of children in Reception or Year 1 are welcome to pop round to the main gate if they wish to speak to a governor. We are all also available to be contacted by email.

We look forward to another safe and healthy academic year and have confidence that, with the commitment and hard work of the staff together with your support, the children at Cliffe will achieve their potential and enjoy all the experiences ahead.

Yours sincerely
Mary Lumley
Chair of Governors

