



# CLIFFE V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the 2021-2022 academic year gets underway I want to re-introduce you to the school's Governing Body and let you know that we will be actively involved, with the Headteacher and staff, in leading the school through the next school year.

We had our first meeting of the year on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September. This was the first face to face meeting we have had since February 2020! Throughout the whole of the last academic year we had continued to meet to undertake our responsibilities on Zoom. This virtual platform was successful, but it is wonderful to be meeting back in the building with real people at last!

At the meeting last week we elected officers for the next year, allocated specific curricular responsibilities to individual governors and set dates for Full Governing Body meetings. The Headteacher provided a report which included an update on how well the new Reception children have responded to starting school and how eager all children are to learn in school following the disruptions of last year. We approved the School Development Plan and school policies including those covering Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

We looked at the school schedule for the upcoming year and we are delighted to see it return to normality with so many events planned throughout the upcoming year.

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

1. The success of the recent sponsored Fun Run and Macmillan Coffee morning which fully welcomed parents back onto the premises after the difficult restrictions last year.
2. The high level of governor involvement in school at present.
3. The skill, commitment and hard work of the Headteacher and staff which has enabled the school to function successfully throughout the last year and to continue to develop.

One important topic of discussion at our meeting was the likelihood of an OFSTED Inspection taking place in the near future. The school staff are very well prepared for this and we, as governors, will be undertaking monitoring visits this term to meet staff and children to report on curriculum development and safeguarding. Your children may be involved in conversations with governors in preparation for similar conversations with OFSTED Inspectors.





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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; 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; PE; History; Geography
Ashley Pickles (Parent Governor)	apickles@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk		Headteacher Performance Management; Art; Design Technology; Modern Foreign Language (MFL)
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Mike Jordan (Foundation Governor for Mary Ward Trust)	mjordan@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk		Science
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





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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 well and partake in a wide range of exciting experiences both in and out of school.

Yours sincerely

Mary Lumley

Chair of Governors

