



Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

July 17th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end of a school year that has not been interrupted by pandemics, has seen the school achieve a "Good" assessment from Ofsted and has returned to providing pupils with a wide programme of in-school and external opportunities.

Our task as Governors is to ensure that school moves forward, providing the best possible education for all pupils. As part of the Inspection we had to provide evidence of our monitoring and challenge, justify our statements, and answer probing questions. A group of Governors (including Parent Governors) met with the Lead Inspector for this and in their summation meeting, the Inspectors acknowledged the Governing Body's depth of knowledge and support of the school.

We congratulate the pupils of all ages for their achievements this year and their contribution to the life of the school. We are very proud of them and thoroughly enjoy the opportunities we get to meet with them. We have had pupils attend some of our meetings to discuss topics they would like raising. These discussions have been useful and valuable.

We are grateful for the commitment of our staff who use their experience and energy in supporting and motivating pupils, giving them the opportunity to achieve the best they can. We also thank the Senior Leaders of the School for their openness and response to our monitoring requests. The Ofsted result is a true reflection of the hard work of all our staff.

However, there is another, equally important, part of school life: our parents and carers. As Governors we do not underestimate the difference supportive parents and carers make to the life of school. We see all parent and pupil surveys, but there is nothing like a good face to face chat. We do our best to have a Governor available at school events so, if you see one of us wearing a Governor lanyard, please make yourself known to us.

Earlier this year Governors Sarah Pritchard and Lily Ellis left us. We really appreciate the support and knowledge they brought to our group. As a result of our Ofsted result we have been able to recruit a Teaching Governor (Mrs Stella Ellis) and a support staff Governor (Mrs Kim Collins) and we look forward to working with them. This means we now have just one vacancy. Our Governors come from both the education and business sectors so if you know anyone who would be interested in having a conversation with me about what is involved, please ask them to contact our Clerk, Carole Warner (carole.warner@318education.co.uk) in the first instance. Information about the school governors is published on the school's website including information on individual governors.

Last September David O'Toole became CEO of The 318 Education Trust. His input into school has been very positive. An external review of governance across the Trust (including schools) took place recently. We await the results of this which we see as a positive way of ensuring we provide the best possible support to our school.

In closing I wish you all a good summer and look forward to seeing you and your children in school next September.

Yours sincerely, Jan Edmondson
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