

# Bicton C.E. Primary School and Nursery

*Learning for a Lifetime*



## Governor Newsletter



### **A message from the Chair of Governors**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our very first Governor Newsletter. This year has certainly held its challenges for our school community, and I would like to start by saying that all of the School Governors send their best wishes to every family in our wonderful community. As a Governing Body, we wanted to give you a flavour of what we have been doing this year, and how we have adapted the way we do things to ensure that governance has continued as it should.

As Governors we have not stopped working, trying to maintain “business as usual” within the Governor calendar. We have had a steep and speedy learning curve since March 2020 to make sure we are now all on board with the virtual world! This has ensured that our usual face-to-face committee meetings, and our Full Governing Body meetings, have gone ahead through the wonder of the virtual video meeting. It is important for us as a Governing Body to fully support Mrs Johnson and her amazing team during these difficult and unprecedented times. Rest assured that we have the children of our school community at the heart of every decision we make.

Lastly, I just want to say how immensely proud we are of all our children, families and staff. The sense of community, which was strong before, has strengthened even more during these last challenging months. Our teachers have worked incredibly hard to provide remote learning and fun challenges in difficult circumstances and have enabled children to be fully immersed in school life once again.

Do please continue to stay safe!

*Juliette Freeman*

### What does a governor do?

Being a school governor or trustee is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. The role is voluntary.

The role involves a commitment to termly Full Governing Body meetings, regular individual committee meetings, including taking on the role of Chair or Clerk, link governor visits, review of policies, procedures and other operational decisions, in liaison with the headteacher, accessing appropriate training.

Governors set the aims and objectives for the school and set the policies and targets for achieving those aims and objectives.

They monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making and act as a source of challenge and support to the headteacher

Governors and trustees must be prepared to adopt the Nolan principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

### Website and Policies

Various policies have been updated and are available to view on the school website. In addition, make sure you check the website regularly for updates and news from Mrs Johnson and staff.

<https://www.bictonschool.org.uk/index.php>

