

**April 2021**

Dear parents, carers and friends of Eversley Primary School,

Welcome to an update from Eversley School's Governing Body (GB).

### **Covid-19**

It has been a joy to see the pupils return to school in March and the Governing Body would like to thank all the school staff for transitioning the pupils back to their classrooms as smooth as possible. During lockdown the school worked tremendously hard providing a 'blended offer' of school provision to the approximately 30% of pupils attending school whilst simultaneously delivering home learning.

It was wonderful to learn from a recent Parent Questionnaire that 99.4% of respondents said that their child is happy at Eversley. Eversley Primary School believe children learn best when they are happy.

Any children who are required to self-isolate in the future will benefit from the great deal of experience the school has gained from delivering home learning. We hope this does not happen of course, but the foundations are there so no child will miss out if required to temporarily learn from home.

Recent figures show that the local infection rates have greatly reduced, and we wish to thank all the parents and carers for continuing to maintain the necessary measures to minimise any possible Covid infections for everyone's safety.

Throughout this period the Governing Body continued with their virtual committee meetings and their work with the school to support their hard work.

We remain enormously appreciative of your patience and support throughout this disruption and hope that during the summer term more school activities will return over time.

### **School Improvement Plan**

The school's new curriculum could not be launched in September 2020 due to Covid-19 and instead the Interim Recovery Curriculum was put in place as a rebuild process. We are pleased to say that the school have now commenced implementing parts of the new curriculum whilst some elements will be held back until September 2021.

For the academic year our key target areas remain as follows:

- Increase attainment & progress for all pupils in reading, writing and maths at the end of Reception, Year 2 and Year 6.
- Placing mental health at the heart of our strategic school improvement to support pupils and staff.
- Ensure the whole curriculum has a clear focus setting out what the school intend the pupils to learn and how this work is implemented in the classroom to enable pupils to develop a detailed knowledge and skills across the curriculum.

- To ensure high quality daily provision is being provided for all SEND pupils by
  - developing the skills of teachers so that they consistently use assessment of learning to identify and act upon pupils' needs
  - plan specific learning tasks to the right level of challenge, ensuring all children make GOOD or better progress
  
- To ensure outcomes for pupil premium are in line with other pupils, increasing the number achieving Greater Depth

### **Eversley Parliament**

We are very pleased that the various committees forming the Eversley Parliament have been industrious following their return to school.

Amongst a variety of ideas that have been discussed the Environment and Travel Cabinet have organised an exciting bird box / feeder competition, a walk to school activity and will lead on the upcoming 'Big Pedal'.

The Teaching and Learning Cabinet are to lead an assembly to teach the children about the new curriculum, children are to video themselves reading stories which will be played to EYFS and KS1 children, and pupils are looking to record a newsround update from Eversley Primary School. The achievements of all the committees are promoted in the school newsletters.

### **Parent Governor Election**

We are very happy that the suspended parent governor election has been restarted and we encourage everyone to please participate. Thank you for your patience during the enforced interruption.

### **Local Authority Governor**

We are delighted to announce that the governing body has appointed Cheryl Headon as the Local Authority Governor. Cheryl was the ideal candidate given her experience working closely with schools in her current role as the Head of Schools Traded Services at Enfield Council in tandem with her being a parent at Eversley.

### **Parental Engagement**

The governing body wishes to thank all parents and carers for their continued participation in the monthly parent/carer representative meetings despite Covid-19, where there is an opportunity to raise their concerns and give feedback to the Headteacher through class reps.

Gathering parents' and carers' views through regular consultation such as the Spring Questionnaire is vitally important, as the school are looking to constantly strengthen their

relationships with parents and carers through the engagement of questionnaires and feedback on homework.

### **EPSA, School Volunteers and the schools funding crisis**

Our sincerest thanks go to the EPSA Co-Chairs, Joanna Ioannou and Demi Yiannakis, and the dedicated members of EPSA who continue to contribute so much of their time and energy.

EPSA have been unable to raise the large sums of money because of the absence of their major fundraising events. With the support of the School and the Governing Body, EPSA have decided to set up a Crowd Funding page with a target set at £30,000 to help pay for new iPads, Windows 10 & hard drive upgrade, laptops for the school and subscription costs for learning packages. Please support Eversley by making donation to EPSA's GoFundMe page <https://gofund.me/e8602ceb>

All donations no matter how small are greatly appreciated and will make a huge difference and benefit the children. Currently a total of £2,365 has been raised toward the £30,000 target.

Eversley continue to do its utmost to protect the excellent quality of education it provides for pupils from the harshest impacts of such reductions. Ways in which you can get involved include joining the campaign set up by a group of parents to lobby the Government for a fairer deal – look at <https://schoolcuts.org.uk/schools/?chosenSchool=3082085>

### **Eversley School Governing Body**

The current governors are:

Headteacher: Samantha Williams

Staff: Peter Robotham

Local Authority Governor: Cheryl Headon

#### Parents:

Prafulla Pujara (Co Vice-Chair)

James Clements

Mark Wallace

#### Co-opted:

Bambos Charalambous MP

Hadiza Adeyemi (Co Vice-Chair)

Wahida Khan

Sanah Khan

Michael Florides (Chair)

Thank you for finding the time to read this newsletter and we wish you all a very happy and safe Easter break. We are all looking forward to a brighter summer ahead.

Over to you...

Is there anything you would like us to tell you about or, better still, anything you want to tell us?

The best way of getting in touch with us is via the school's email address:  
[office@eversley.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:office@eversley.enfield.sch.uk).

Please mark the email for the attention of the GB