

21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Dear parents, carers and friends of Eversley Primary School,

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

### **Covid-19**

The Governing Body would like to thank all the school staff for their dedication in supporting pupils whilst delivering a recovery curriculum throughout the year. The school has worked extremely hard to ensure every pupil has access to a broad and balanced curriculum and recovery of learning is not to the detriment of wider enrichment and non-core subjects. The return of routine, structure, friendship, and opportunity has been invaluable.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a lasting impact and we recognise the continued long-term disruption of Covid cases. We wish to thank all the parents & carers for their continued support throughout this year.

Throughout this year we were very pleased pupils were able to enjoy their school trips, sports day, forest school, kids' rules day, sports events, class parties and the summer fete, to name but a few.

We were delighted pupils in Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to go on their respective residential trips this summer broadening their horizons and introducing pupils to a new learning and social environment. These trips could be their first time staying away from home and the sense of independence and adventure generated can spark excitement and self-belief developing their resilience and self-confidence as well as making wonderful memories.

It was wonderful to recently learn of the end of year Key Stage 2 results where the percentage is significantly above National (2022 data) across all subjects. Congratulations to all the teaching staff in continuing to deliver a very high quality of education during the Covid pandemic.

We hope all the pupils enjoyed their day of transition where the children went directly to their new class where they met their new teacher and may have involved playing in a different playground and eating lunch in a different hall.

During this academic year the Governing Body continued with their virtual committee meetings and their work with the school to support their hard work.

### **School Improvement Plan**

Following the school's implementation of their Recovery Curriculum, the school continued throughout the year implementing the new curriculum. The key improvement priorities are as follows:

- To continue to develop a whole school approach to mental health
- To embed the new curriculum across the whole school
- To increase attainment & progress for all pupils in reading, writing and maths at the end of EYFS, KS1 and KS2
- To ensure disadvantaged pupils achieve as well as their peers

### **Eversley Parliament**

The Governing Body would like to congratulate the Eversley Parliament who organised many events, including measuring food waste, planting vegetables, organising a Times Tables Rock Star fundraising day, book sale to raise funds for new school books and successfully applying to the Queen's Green Canopy for our school to be awarded some trees to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Thank you to everyone who generously supported the pupils.

The Eversley Parliament continues to be a great success and would like to thank the various committees who have worked so hard and has been an empowering experience for those involved.

### **Chair of Governors**

We are very grateful to the new Chair of Governors, Cheryl Headon, who has volunteered a great deal of her time and energy. Cheryl has brought a wealth of experience and expertise to the role of Chair.

### **Co-opted Governors**

Sanah Kahn decided to step down as Co-opted Governor and we would like to take the opportunity to thank her for volunteering her time and efforts in her role as governor. We wish Sanah the very best indeed.

We would like to welcome Ermias Habtay as the new Co-opted Governor at Eversley Primary School. Ermias is a very experienced Finance Manager and we wish to thank him for volunteering his skills and experience to the Governing Body.

### **Parental / Carer Engagement**

The Governing Body wishes to thank all parents and carers for their continued participation with the school questionnaires. Gathering parents' and carers' views through regular consultation such as this term's Summer 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.

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

Our sincerest thanks go to the EPSA Co-Chairs, Sultan Hassan, Nicky Hawkins, Haltan Hassan, and Sonya Shah, and the dedicated members of EPSA who contributed an inordinate amount of their skills and energy to its enormous success.

The hugely welcomed return of the Summer Fete raised a record-breaking amount and we thank EPSA for their enormous efforts in organising the event, as well as the staff, parents, carers, and visitors for their contributions. The funds raised at the Summer Fete, Quiz Night, Doughnuts for Father's Day, Happy School Bags, Mother's Day Tea Party, and many other events provide the school with much needed resources.

All donations no matter how small are greatly appreciated and will make a huge difference and benefit the children. Eversley continues to do its utmost to protect the excellent quality of education it provides for pupils from the harshest impacts of such reductions. Eversley Primary School suffers from an ever increasing and substantial shortfall of funding – look at <https://schoolcuts.org.uk/schools/?chosenSchool=3082085>

### **Eversley School Governing Body**

The current governors are:

Headteacher:	Samantha Williams
Local Authority Governor:	Cheryl Headon (Chair)
Parents:	Prafulla Pujara (Co Vice-Chair)
	James Clements
	Mark Wallace
	Aimee Jacobs
Co-opted:	Bambos Charalambous MP
	Hadiza Adeyemi (Co Vice-Chair)
	Wahida Khan
	Ermias Habtay
	Michael Florides

Thank you for finding the time to read this newsletter and we wish you all a very happy and safe Summer holiday break.

#### **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