

Governors' Newsletter

Summer 2017

Welcome to the summer edition of the Governing Body newsletter. This newsletter will focus on two key areas from within the School Development Plan.

Feedback is essential to ensure the Governing Body has a broad understanding of school life and can focus on the areas that will enable school improvement and development. Thank you to all those who took the opportunity to attend the Parent Governor drop-in session to share their concerns and suggestions, and to offer help and support. All of the inputs have been collated and shared with the school leadership team; our commitment is to continue to liaise with the school across the summer and into the autumn term and to help shape next year's School Development Plan. The school will provide updates on key developments at timely intervals.

If there are any areas you would like to know more about or ideas you wish the Governing Body to consider, please get in touch.

Effective Leadership and Management

A key priority for governors over the coming months will be the recruitment of a new headteacher to lead our school into the future in line with the school vision and strategy.

This is a critical appointment so we have formed a recruitment and selection panel from across the Governing Body based on a broad set of skills and partnerships. In addition to this, we have secured two excellent external advisors in Julia Coleman, the Service Lead for School Effectiveness for Blackburn with Darwen, and Barbara Kinch, from the Diocese of Manchester, who both have significant experience in the recruitment and selection of headteachers.

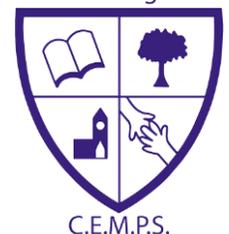
As well as drawing on their experience, the panel have also engaged with staff and children in order to better understand the qualities, skills and experience that we need in our next headteacher.

Our first priorities have been to develop a new job description and person specification for the headteacher role and to develop an advert and information pack to market the role. This will be ready so that we can advertise from early September nationally, locally and online as well as via local networks and our school website

If you know of anyone who you think would make a great headteacher, please let them know about the role and direct them to our website from September.

Shortlisting of applications will take place in early October with interviews and assessments in mid-October. We will of course keep you updated throughout the autumn term.

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School Environment

Front Entrance Update: Following recent conversations with the local authority, the extension to the front of school has been delayed and will now commence towards the end of September or early October. Planning permission should be granted by the end of July.

School Safety and Security: Earlier this year, school consulted with the police concerning the safety and security of the school premises. Based on their intelligence and the local demographics, the police felt that the risk to children and staff was low; however, they did advise erecting a fence to prevent children running onto the car park from the infant playground.

After careful consideration and further consultation, including taking into account the views of parents concerning the type of fence, the school will be installing a 1.5m high roll top steel fence, similar to that in the infant playground, to the right of the pathway as you enter the school premises, not only to prevent our children from entering the car park but also to create a barrier between the path and the infant play area.

The fence is no longer dependent upon the extension work at the front of the building so we are hoping it will be erected sooner than originally planned. The date for completion will be determined by the availability of contractors; a number of firms are coming into school over the holidays to provide quotes in order to keep this initiative moving forward with real focus.

In the medium term, consultation with parents, the police and the local authority will continue in order to ensure a safe and secure school environment. As always, we thank you in advance for your support during this process.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please check out the Governors' pages on the website for more information <http://www.turtonandedgworthprimary.co.uk/key-information/governors/> and to read the governor blogs <http://www.turtonandedgworthprimary.co.uk/news-blogs/governors-blog/>

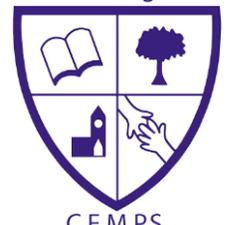
Hope you continue to enjoy the summer break!

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