

# The Governors' Newsletter



## **GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER**

### **Summer Term 1 2021**

Welcome to the latest Governors' newsletter.

As usual, I'm happy to be able to keep parents/carers up to date with Governor activity, decisions and meetings at Kentmere Academy.

We continue to meet virtually, our last one being the 28<sup>th</sup> April. Our meetings are always well attended by Governors, with additional input from The Watergrove Trust, normally Mark Moorhouse the CEO of the Trust.

#### **Link Governors**

We have 3 'link' governors, who take on the important roles of SEND, Health and Safeguarding. These link governors meet termly with the member of staff responsible for that area and then feed back information to everyone at the next meeting.

Governors also take opportunities to keep up to date with current issues by completing training. The areas of Safeguarding and Equality and Diversity have been completed.

#### **Governor re-election**

Governors serve a term of office of 4 years and can request a further term of office. I am delighted that Javed Rehman was re-elected as a Kentmere Governor for a further 4 years. His contribution, particularly from and behalf of the local community is very much appreciated.



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## Timetables

Governors agreed the school holiday pattern for 2022/23 which follows the same pattern as this year. We also agreed the dates for our Governors' meeting for the next school year after the summer holidays.

Mrs Howard updated us on current staffing, including some new appointments and described proposals for the new school library.

## Other reports

We were informed, through several reports about Attendance, Finance and Safeguarding.

As usual we had a presentation based on a curriculum subject. This time, we had a very comprehensive and enthusiastic presentation from Miss Nolan about how Kentmere teaches PE. It was great to hear how she is promoting sports personalities from different cultures and particularly female role models in different sports.

## NACE Challenge Award

Kentmere recently had an assessment day which looked into how the teaching caters for those children who are higher achievers. The day was the result of 2 years of preparation and Governors were delighted to hear that Kentmere was recommended to receive this award. We are looking forward to receiving the full report!

## Quality Assurance Inspection

Just last week, Kentmere went through a 2-day Quality Assurance inspection which looked at classroom teaching, subject and area leadership including many discussions with staff and children.

Here are some of the initial comments made by the inspectors during their feedback...

*'All staff show a relentless drive to improve outcomes for pupils'*

*'There is a feeling of drive, commitment and determination'*

*'It feels like a warm school with genuinely strong relationships'*

*'Everyone is driven, committed and passionate - **without exception**'*

*'Leaders at every level are strong and resilient'.*

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A further comment explained that the pupils' behaviour was impeccable, and their work was impressive.

The Governors would like to offer their warmest congratulations to Mrs Howard and the staff for their efforts towards achieving these comments. It was quite a stressful 2 days for all, but all worthwhile in the end. We look forward to reading the full report, hopefully at our next meeting.

It is, once again, so pleasing to end another Governors' newsletter on such a happy and positive note.

Finally, thank you to all families for their fantastic support for the school. Enjoy your time together in the 2week half term holiday.

Simon Day

Chair of Governors

Kentmere Academy





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