



Moorlands Primary School Governors Report to Parents 2020/21

As we continue to work through the effects of Covid, the key priority for governors and school leaders this year continues to be the safety of children and staff. We will continue to monitor plans to deal with any issues that may arise as well to ensure the well-being of our Moorlands' family.

Our priorities this year as a school and has a governing body is:

- 1). Development of Teaching and Learning using the Rosenshine principles
- 2). Children to develop their communication methods – verbal, non-verbal, written, visual and digital
- 3). Children to be able to develop their language to describe their emotions and understanding of their emotions.

As part of our recovery curriculum reading remains a fundamental priority as it unlocks the children's access to all the other areas of the curriculum. The school has invested in CPD, books and curriculum time to ensure that children are targeted so that they read fluently and with understanding

Schools have been granted catch up funding and we will be monitoring the way that this has been spent to support children's academic development.

The work on well-being has been recognised with the school re-gaining the Well-being Charter Mark in November 2021.

Feedback on the blended learning that was organised for times when school has closed has been highly rated by parents and children as well as external advisers. While we recognise the challenges of home schooling, there have been benefits for those taking part. Remote learning is still part of school life and is used to support children who unfortunately test positive for Covid.

Other developments this year have been the appointment of new caterers for school meals, the new phonics scheme for Key Stage 1, Read Write Inc. and the appointment of new staff to support teaching and learning in year 6.

We thank Jo Cooper who is standing down from her role as parent governor and Kelly Wiggetts-Clinton also standing down after many years on the governing body. Both have contributed to meetings and many other events and we will miss their expertise and commitment. We have welcomed Mrs. Kaur as a new co-opted Governor, who is Little Learners' manager, and Mr. Balley as our Local Authority Governor to the Governor team.

We are in the process of finding a new parent governor to support our work further.

Governors have continued to develop their own expertise by taking part in trainings and conferences and sitting on other committees such as GovernSandwell and Schools Forum. We have continued to find ways of keeping in touch with school by conducting virtual meetings and visits.

The governors would like to thank the staff, who have continued to work for the safety and well-being of the children throughout this difficult time. They have taken on new working practices and adapted to the situation with their usual professionalism and continue to work tirelessly for the children.

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Chair of Governors
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