

CROMFORD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS' REPORT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 21/22

During this academic year the following has been carried out on behalf of the governing body:

- Met with LF every four weeks to discuss items such as staffing, well-being, pupil progress, flooding, covid, etc. These meetings have been documented. (LF and I have also had many ad hoc meetings in the playground throughout the year)
- Attended 3 COGS meetings which recently have been re-invigorated with new ideas to share between the 11 schools including governor training, pupil council, joint art projects for KS1 and CPD for staff
- Carried out our benchmarking analysis
- Been part of the interview panel for SENTA, midday supervisor and caretaker
- Met twice with AW (SENCo) to discuss SEND strategies and implementation
- Monitored delivery of KS2 SATS
- Provided refreshments at parent consultation evenings
- Produced analyses of progress and attainment of all pupils from ITrack data

The academic year 21/22 has been every bit as challenging as the previous two years. Covid has continued to affect the progress of the pupils and the health of the staff with almost every member of the school having the virus during this year. This has made it difficult at times to find appropriate cover for absent staff, but as usual, the team worked together and pulled through.

The resurfacing of the flat roofs should have been completed before Easter, but the torrential rain in March was too much for the tarpaulin and the staff room was completely flooded and had to be refurbished.

Julie Hamilton, our business officer, worked hard to acquire funding from Slinger Mining, Longcliffe Quarry and Tarmac which was then matched by DCC to finance the resurfacing and painting of the lower playground. Julie retires this term and she will be greatly missed.

This is my last report as chair of governors as I am standing down this year. My replacement is Alison Whittaker who I have no doubt will be an excellent chair. The past 6 years have been, to say the least, entertaining if not time-consuming! These years have covered collaboration with St Giles, Covid and floodgate. I am extremely pleased how SEND/PP pupils' needs are now being met at Cromford and this is showing a real impact on the progress and attainment of our disadvantaged pupils. I am also sure that Alison is a very safe pair of hands to pass the baton onto.

Throughout these years, the staff have consistently been supportive of the pupils as well as each other and have shown to be a strong team. They also have good relationships with the

parents which always makes a huge difference to pupils' progress. As always, though, it's the staff's dedication to teaching the 'whole child' that I find most impressive.