



Upper Beeding Primary School

Governing Body

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Dear Parent/Carer

Chair of Governors' Letter to Parents Summer Term 2022

As the summer term is nearing the end, I wanted to update you on the work of the Governing Body of the school over the last few months and to give you an insight into what we will be looking at in the new school year.

It has been an eventful year for everyone and I think it goes without saying that we are all delighted that school has returned to normal for the children and staff following the restrictions previously imposed by the pandemic.

Pupil Progress and Wellbeing/Governor Visits

We have been closely monitoring the academic progress and wellbeing of children across the school to ensure their recovery following the impact of Covid. We are very pleased with the overall assessment results which reflect the catch-up strategies implemented for your children are working well; these will continue into next year to further help in this area. We have been especially focussed on pupils' wellbeing and the confidence and emotional strength demonstrated by them during our visits has been reassuring; again, this will be closely monitored moving forward.

Our regular visits also ensure your children's safety in everything that they do at school.

School Funding

School budgets remain extremely tight and we are pleased that the school has managed its budget well this year and predict, with careful management, it should continue to do so next year, as well as maintaining high standards.

We were delighted to support the FUBS Summer Fete again in June. It was a wonderful day and evening where everyone was able to enjoy the atmosphere; it was incredible to be back together again after 3 years. Thank you again to everyone on the FUBS team who always work so hard to raise money for the school - it is really very much appreciated by us all and thank you for your continued support.

The Active Mile track is now in place and has been enjoyed by the children, re-focussing their minds on learning by having a few minutes outside burning off a bit of energy. New windows in the main building will be installed over the summer holidays, improving the look of the school as well as making it more energy efficient.

Parent Survey

The response to the recent parental survey, in which 98% of responders said they would recommend the school, indicates just how much the school is valued; we were overwhelmed by some very lovely comments and that is down to the leadership provided by Mrs Linford. Constructive comments are noted and will be shared with staff in September. As Governors, it is important that this positivity continues and please contact me at the above email address if you have any thoughts or concerns we could help with.



Next Year

We will continue to work at ensuring your children have a balanced and broad curriculum, enabling them to develop their knowledge and understanding in all subjects to ensure they can achieve their best potential, whilst being mindful of and nurturing their wellbeing.

This term sees a massive change for the school with Mrs Linford leaving us after many years of dedicated work for all of the children that have passed through the school gates over the years. I know that everyone will have some memory of what she has done for the school and the conversations that have been held about your children. I would like to formally thank her, on behalf of Governors past and present, for all of the hard work that she has put into the school to make it the excellent place it is. Many thanks from all of us, Mrs Linford, and our very best wishes in your new school - they are lucky to have you.

THANK YOU!

We would like to wish Mrs Wellby very good luck in her secondment as a deputy head next year and look forward to her return in September 2023.

As I draw this letter to a close, I must on behalf of the Governors, thank ALL of the staff at UBPS, who have worked so hard throughout the year to enable your children to make good progress in their learning and become the young people that will carry on our values.

We are very much looking forward to working with the new Head Teacher, Mr Matt Andrews, from September.

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer holiday.

Best wishes.

Louise Davies
Chair of Governors

