

Governor Newsletter

Summer Term, 2020

Dear parents/carers and school staff,

Since the school closures in March, Little Waltham School has maintained a reduced provision in school for vulnerable pupils, pupils with EHCPs (Education, Health and Care Plans) and the children of key workers whilst also supporting the continuity of education for all pupils. In June, we were very pleased to be able to welcome back many Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils and the remaining year groups have also had the opportunity to enjoy a session back in school. Staff have commented on how well the children have all coped with the new routines during their return visits to school.

We would firstly like to thank parents/carers for all your hard work supporting the children with their home learning during these very difficult circumstances. It was lovely to see the Rainbow bulletins showing some of the fantastic, creative work that the children have been doing at home. School staff must also be congratulated on the huge changes that they have had to implement with very short notice.

This term the governing body have continued to function via email, telephone calls and online video conferencing. Our role has included monitoring:

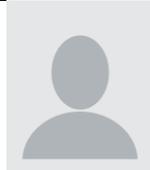
- health and safety arrangements;
- safeguarding procedures;
- provision for the children in school;
- support for parents/carers to help them educate their children at home;
- how staff will help pupils to catch up on lost learning when they return to school in the autumn term.

Looking ahead, we are very pleased that the Government have announced the guidelines for the full re-opening of schools in September. A comprehensive risk assessment was carried out earlier this term and proportionate control measures were implemented to reduce the risk of infection on school premises. This risk assessment has been revisited and updated in preparation for the full reopening of our school in September and Governors have worked with senior leaders to ensure that all risk assessments are robust. The measures that will be put in place will keep our school as safe as possible.

Thank you once again for your continued support and, as always, remain safe and well and have an enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards,

The Governing Body

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