



Burlington Junior School

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2021

Remote Learning Provision

During this term Governors have especially focussed on looking at the school's strategy and plans for delivering remote education to pupils at home due to COVID-19 and if this provision met the expectations outlined in guidance issued by the Department of Education.

The school's Remote Learning Leader provided reports and updates for Governors to answer questions about our remote learning provision. These questions included:

- Has the school been able to switch quickly and efficiently to online learning?
- Are pupils being provided with 4 hours remote learning a day in line with Department of Education expectations?
- Does online learning provision include both recorded or live direct teaching time and time for pupils to complete tasks independently?
- How are pupils and staff supported, educated and encouraged to stay safe and behave online?
- How are we supporting our pupils and their families to engage with the online learning provided?
- How are pupils who are unable to access online learning supported?

The Ofsted Remote Monitoring Inspection conducted on 27th/28th January commented that: *Governors are checking that leaders are taking appropriate action to ensure that pupils are receiving an education.*

Thank you to all the parents who completed the recent remote learning survey. Overall, the results of this were positive with over 75% of parents saying that they were happy with the lockdown learning provided by the school. The school is however aware that they need to continue to work on some areas such as the quality of IT provision, communication between parents and teachers and volume of work. Governors will be involved in monitoring the progress made in addressing these areas.

Thanks also must go to the staff for all their hard work in ensuring that pupils have received good quality education during lockdown and year group isolations. Information on the school's remote learning provision, including the remote learning policy, home learning expectations and lessons for each year group and user guides and videos on how to access remote learning can be found on the remote learning section of the school website.

If you want to get in touch please either leave a message at the school office or contact Aileen Moss, Chair of Governors, directly by email at a.moss@bjs.eriding.net

*Thank
you!*

Again, the Governors would like to thank all the pupils for the way in which they have coped brilliantly with home-learning during lockdown; all the parents for their support and hard work with home learning and all the staff for their dedication and hard work in continuing to provide good quality teaching and care in this situation.

Goodbye and Welcome

Linda Scargill has recently stepped down as Staff Governor and we would like to thank her for all her support, commitment and service as a Governor of the school over the past 3 years.

We are pleased to welcome Kate Sutton as our new Staff Governor.

We would also like to thank Miriam Ireland for all her support, commitment and service as a Governor of the school over the past 4 years. Her term of office as a Parent Governor has now come to an end.

We have received 3 nominations for our 2 Parent Governor vacancies and will therefore need to hold a Parent Governor election after Easter. Thank you to those parents who have applied.

Governor Training

During February, all governors attended curriculum training to enable them to support and challenge the school and ensure that the curriculum it provides follows National Curriculum requirements, builds on previous knowledge and skills, has been shaped to meet the needs of all pupils based on their backgrounds and prior experiences and builds in assessment to track the progress of pupils.

The Chair and Vice-Chair also recently attended training on how to become an evidence informed governor.



The Governors would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and look forward to welcoming you all back after the holiday.

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