

Folksworth C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing on behalf of the governors of Folksworth Church of England Primary School at the end of a very busy year, to let you know some of the areas governors have worked on this year. These include:

- Governor monitoring visits to the school took place to observe teaching and learning, safeguarding of children, collective worship, Early Years provision, parental engagement, provision for high ability pupils, Celebration of Learning events, health and safety and the impact of school trips.
- A number of policies were approved including Human Resources, Pupil Attendance, School Lettings, Managing Critical Incidents, Behaviour Management, Early Career Teachers, Governor Allowances and Accessibility.
- The School Improvement Plan (Strategic Plan) and the Building Improvement Plan were approved and progress monitored.
- Governors were involved in recruitment processes
- An exercise in benchmarking the school against similar schools nationally took place.
- The plans and budgets for the Pupil Premium Grant and the Sports provision grant were monitored.
- Arrangements for Stay and Play Provision and breakfast club were approved
- The school budget was monitored throughout the year and all criteria for the Schools Financial Value Standards were met.
- Contracts for Cleaning and Grounds were approved as well as changes to the school's insurance.
- An Energy Survey for the school was also approved, seeking to make the school more sustainable.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank Miss Norbury and all the school staff for their dedication and hard work during another extraordinary year. After two years of disruption, the children have settled well into the routines of the school environment and have been able to enjoy learning again in the classroom with their teachers and their friends.

The governing board have been particularly pleased that educational trips and visits have been able to take place as well as after school clubs and activities – thus enriching the learning experience for our children. Our brilliant SATs results are a recognition of the quality teaching throughout the school – well done to all our children for giving their best.

Staff, governors, parents and children have all contributed to embedding our school vision of 'family, faith and friendship' – 3 strands working together to develop strong relationships and inspiring our children to have a life-long love of learning. The Governing Board is continually learning and developing, building relationships with staff, children, parents and the community – to support our vision of 'a safe community where we give everyone the fullest opportunity to be the very best they can be'.

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes Clare Kirk On behalf of the Governing Board





