

Governing Body Update

We believe as a Governing Body that it is useful to update our community on key pertinent issues that formed the basis for healthy debate/agreement/ratification at our recent Governing Body meeting on Weds 23rd September

- Health and safety and risk assessments around the reopening of school to all children.
 - *The school senior leadership keep abreast of latest advice and have as a highest priority the need to create a school environment that minimises risk whenever possible and puts the health and safety of its staff and pupils first and foremost and ultimately its community. This will help the school to function effectively and maintain children's education in spite of the challenges that may lie ahead.*
 - *Initial plans and subsequent changes and improvements, which have been made over the past 2 weeks, along with planned tweaks ahead, were discussed and governors are happy that guidelines are being followed and adapted for the needs of the RWPA setting where possible. Systems are as robust as possible. The Governing Body recognise that risk can only be minimised and managed, not eliminated.*
 - *The Governing body recognise that no decision is being made without due consideration and that regular consultation occurs between the School, the Trust and other relevant supportive bodies including Public Health England*
- School development and Key Priorities.

In any year there are always identified **key** priorities for RWPA to develop alongside a number of ongoing developments. These are agreed with The Ebor Trust too and the Governing body have a duty to work alongside school and monitor progress against them throughout the year.

This year these are;

 - *Ensure clearly established rules, routines, boundaries and high expectations, support and encourage positive behaviour across all aspects of school life. In turn creating an environment that fosters good emotional health and resilient, responsible young people.*
 - *Develop and deliver a real and relevant curriculum, including wherever possible, making links across and between subjects.*
 - *Continually identify learning deficits in key subject areas of reading, writing and maths, plan to address those deficits and evaluate the progress made so that children, irrespective of their starting points make good progress.*
 - *Continually develop the use of technology and adaptable systems to ensure home learning can occur effectively for pupils who cannot attend school for a length of time.*
- Staffing
 - The Governors are delighted that the management structure within the wrap around care team is now complete after a rigorous process including governors.
 - Kerri Myhill-Machin has been appointed WAC manager
 - Sarah Cornish is deputy WAC manager
 - Vikki Watson is senior supervisor

The governors would like to thank all staff for the way they have made the transition back into school a friendly, safe and happy process for the children and recognise the incredible levels of hard work that makes this happen.

The Governors would also extend a thank you to our parent community for the excellent start to term too and that this year of all years we are all writing a new chapter together. It will be vital that families prepare their children and themselves even more carefully than ever. If it is raining, bring your coats and brollies, if you need to wait a while at pick up, be prepared for it, if your child is sent home poorly make sure you have made contingency plans. All these things will be incredibly important as the year progresses so that we can work together, keep a calm and positive environment which supports our school and staff wellbeing and gives our community the best chance of a successful year ahead.