



Chester-le-Street CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

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IEB Update

We hope that this letter finds you all well.

We have been delighted that the children have continued to work hard in school and make the most of the varied and exciting learning opportunities and activities that have been so carefully planned for them. We are pleased to see that they feel safe and happy in school and any missed learning due Covid is addressed quickly through the teachers' remote teaching and well-planned support. We are truly grateful for your support during these challenging times.

It has been especially important this year that the school makes Christmas extra special for the children. We are most grateful to everyone on the staff for their boundless enthusiasm and energy in making this year's Christmas events 'exciting with a difference'! Seeing what Elf is up to in school must be so much fun for the children!

Thank you, parents and carers for the many donations of raffle prizes and Christmas decorations. The tree at the entrance looks wonderful with the children's baubles on it. We are grateful also to Councillor Tracie Smith for her generous grant to the school to support this special Christmas time at the school.

You may recall that the IEB was appointed by the Secretary of State for Education in the summer of 2019 for a fixed period at a time when leadership of the school needed strengthening.

The Local Authority has increased confidence in the strategic and senior leadership of the school as a result of the progress made across the school since then. Accordingly, going forward, the school's statutory governance will be under a Governing Body in line with the statutory requirements for maintained Voluntary Controlled CE schools.

In January 2021 the new Governing Body will be in place. Foundation Governors have been appointed as has the Local Authority Governor, Councillor Tracie Smith. Parent Governors have been appointed following the recent Parent Election process. We are pleased that Mrs Roberts and Mrs Dixon will join the new Governing Body.

The new Governing Body will appoint the remaining Co-opted Governors at its inaugural meeting early in the spring term 2021; some members of the IEB have joined the new Governing Body to support a smooth transition.

Members of the IEB have all enjoyed working with the school and we wish you all well for what we know is a bright future for the school and your children full of optimism and opportunity.

With season's greetings

Interim Executive Board of Chester Le Street C.E. Primary School

