



Dear Parent/Carer

22 October 2020

Interim Executive Board (IEB) Update

The IEB hopes that this letter finds you all well and coping in the changing ways in which we all find ourselves now living.

We have been struck by how hard the children have worked since returning to school in September and the variety of activities school continues to provide. We are grateful for the support of parents and carers during these challenging times.

As is the case in most schools, absences related to Covid 19 have caused some disruption to our normal classes and routines but rest assured learning continues at a pace. We need to thank the staff for their support.

We see that it was particularly exciting to welcome a camera crew to school recently. As you know it will not be possible for potential parents and children to visit so the film made by the children and staff will be made available instead. It looks like we have a few 'stars' in our midst!

You may recall that the IEB was appointed to the school in place of a Full Governing Body by the Secretary of State for Education in the summer of 2019 at a time when leadership of the school needed strengthening. IEB's are normally in place for a fixed period and we are now coming to the end of our period of appointment at the end of December 2020.

Now school has a new substantive Headteacher and other senior leaders have been recruited, the school can move on under the strategic leadership of a Full Governing Body with its efforts to bring about improvements in the outcomes of the children attending school identified by Ofsted.

In January 2021 we expect a new Governing Body will be in place. As a maintained Voluntary Controlled Primary School, our school's Instrument of Governance is approved by the Local Authority and the Diocese. There are two Parent Governors in the constitution of the Full Governing Body who are appointed through a Parent Election process and the Diocese and Local Authority will also appoint representatives to the new Governing Body.

After half term, the Headteacher will notify parents and carers of these two vacancies and the process for the nomination and election of our new Parent Governors through the school's usual means of communication with you. Ideally parents should be familiar

with formal meetings, have a keen interest in education and be able to offer relevant skills to support highly effective strategic governance to the school; for example, these might include experience of budget management and accountability, safeguarding, teaching and learning including early years, strategic leadership in a workplace/voluntary context.

We hope your children enjoy celebrating their efforts and progress this half term during their non-uniform/fancy dress day! Enjoy the half term break together and keep well and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

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

A banner with a dark green background on the left side featuring several stylized coronavirus particles. The text 'coronavirus advice' is written in white, with 'coronavirus' on the top line and 'advice' on the bottom line. To the right of this graphic, on a white background, is the text 'Follow the government's advice to' followed by a bulleted list of four items: 'Stay at home', 'Only go outside for food, health reasons or essential work', 'Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people', and 'Wash your hands as soon as you get home'. At the bottom of the white section, it says 'For more information visit www.durham.gov.uk/coronavirus'.

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