

Dear Parents/Carers and Staff members

As this summer term draws to a close, all Governors wish to express their thanks to the Headteachers, Ms Neal and Ms Clarke, their Deputies, all staff, parents, carers and children for playing their part in keeping the schools open, safe, and as vibrant as could be achieved in such challenging times. Many thanks to the PTFA for everything they have done too - with incredible fundraising given the circumstances and an exceptional summer fete. Their support of the Schools is much appreciated.

We all look forward to a summer break, and a return in the autumn with plenty on the agenda for everyone to look forward to.

In the meantime, we have a few things we would like to bring to your attention.

### **1. Change of Governors**

With sincere thanks for their hard work and commitment, we say farewell to Karen di Lorenzo, Sarah Rutherford, David Brooks and Julian Hucker as governors. Parent elections for two Junior Parent Governors will be run in the new term, as will also a Junior Staff Governor election. Mark Ampleford will assume the role of Chair of Pay Committee in place of David, as well as continuing as Vice Chair Junior School. All other Chairs of Committees, Vice Chairs and the Chair of Governors have been re-elected for the academic year 2021-22.

### **2. Impact Statement**

It is an important part of Governors' roles that we consider the impact that our work has had on the life of the Schools. Attached to this letter is an impact statement for 2020-21, along with references to further information that is available on the Schools' website where that is helpful. If anyone would like to know more about the specific work we undertake in carrying out our three core responsibilities, please get in touch using the contact details for Chairs on the website. Many of our Governors are parents at one or other (or both) of the Schools and so there is often an opportunity to ask a question more informally.

### **3. Communication/engagement**

It is our intention next year to provide termly updates about our core work. We are expecting it to be a busy and productive year, especially in the context of curriculum development and fulfilling the requirements of the Ofsted Framework. Governors are hoping for more opportunities to visit the Schools and see the learning in action, including meeting with subject leaders and pupils to understand their experience of teaching and learning a rich curriculum at Honeywell. After some settling in time during September/October, Governors will be exploring ways with the senior leaders that we can meet and engage with parents/carers. In particular, we would like to share developments in curriculum which the Schools are busy working on at the moment; to make enhancements to the Website; and hopefully enjoy more of the social side of Honeywell life which has been impacted over the past 18 months.

Last week, three of our Governors were involved in the meetings arranged by the Infant School to welcome Reception parents starting in September, which provided an informal setting for an introduction, and certainly everyone hopes that more face to face interaction will be possible next year.

#### **4. School Priorities**

Over the course of the next 2-3 months each School will be setting new priorities in a School Improvement Plan 2021-22. Governors have discussed these plans with the school leaders and final approval will be given in the first half of the autumn term. Priorities will then be shared with you via the Website. Feedback from the parent survey, staff survey and pupil wellbeing survey will be analysed, as well as internal data on pupils' progress and advice from the Schools' Wandsworth link adviser in order to fully formulate the Priorities. Thank you to all stakeholders who responded to the surveys as these are a valuable source of information to the school leaders including governors.

We wish you all a safe, relaxing and happy summer.

Yours faithfully

Emma Healey  
Chair of Governors