



11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As a new academic year starts, I am writing on behalf of the governors of both Honeywell Schools to wish you and your children a healthy, happy and successful year ahead. I would also like to bring to your attention a few things.

Reopening of the schools

Following on from the incredible achievement of Jane Neal and Jo Clarke in reopening the schools in the final weeks of the summer term for all children, a feat not achieved by any other school I know of, they and the teachers and support staff are working very hard to safely settle your children into the new term. As governors, we have noted the comprehensive risk assessment they have undertaken – which is published on the schools' website – and feel certain that the process will be managed successfully. There are bound to be some teething issues, but these will be ironed out as soon as possible, and your patience and understanding while this happens is much appreciated.

Structure of the governing bodies and communication

In the July 2020 meeting of governors, Karen di Lorenzo stepped down as Chair of Governors and has moved to be a member of the Human Resources Committee. We offer sincere thanks for all of her skill and commitment as Chair and are delighted to still have her on board. I am the elected Chair for the coming year, which is a role I am looking forward to fulfilling. Some of you will know me already, as I am a current parent in the Infant School and have had two children 'graduate' from the Junior School (the most recent just this summer).

Information about the membership, structure and role of the governing bodies is available on the schools' website. Briefly, the governors have a strategic role

to play in the life of the school and this is carried out through the work of five committees, as well as through meetings of the full governing bodies.

The five committees, together with contact details for the Chairs, are set out below:

Committee	Chair	Email
Curriculum	Alice Prosser	Alice.prosser@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk
Finance	Mark Walls	Mark.walls@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk
Human Resources	Rebecca Horgan	Rebecca.horgan@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk
Pupil Welfare	Lucy Taffs	Lucy.taffs@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk
Pay	David Brooks	David.brooks@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk

Most communications from parents/carers will concern operational matters and ultimately it is the Headteachers who make these decisions for the schools and are responsible for the day to day running of the schools. Any communication which ought properly to be considered by the governors can, using the contacts details above, be sent to the committee best able to respond. Alternatively, it can be sent to the Chair of Governors at my email address below.

Further communications

As the school year progresses, I will be sharing more information with you. This will include the schools' main strategic priorities and objectives for 2020/21.

Leavers details for 2019/20 (number of pupils in brackets)

Wandsworth Schools

Ashcroft Technology College (1)
Bolingbroke Academy (26)
Burntwood School (1)
Chestnut Grove School (2)
Graveney School (11)

Other LA Schools

The Grey Coat Hospital (1)
Wallington County Grammar School (1)

Independent Schools

Alleyn's (7)
Dulwich College (5)
Emanuel School (5)
Heathfield School Ascot (1)
Ibstock Place School (1)
James Allen's Girls' School (1)
Kingston Grammar School (1)
Knightsbridge School (1)
Putney High School (1)
Royal Russell School (1)
Sherborne Girls (1)
Streatham & Clapham High School (3)
Thames Christian School (2)
Whitgift School (7)
Woldingham School (6)

Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle de Londres (1)

Spain (1)

Belgium (1)

Covid-19

The situation with Covid-19 continues to present challenges and it changes frequently. Everyone has a part to play in keeping each other safe and well. Please abide by the advice, direction and procedures issued by the schools. This is based on Government advice. There is detailed guidance at www.gov.uk: Guidance for full opening of schools (updated 10 September).

- It is important that individuals do not attend school if they have Covid-19 symptoms or have tested positive in at least the last 10 days, or have someone in their household who does.
- You will need to be ready and willing to book a test if you or your child is displaying symptoms. If a pupil develops symptoms in school, he/she will be sent home to self-isolate. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but they will need help to use the home testing kit.
- The school office should be informed immediately of the results of a Covid-19 test.
- In the event of a confirmed case of Covid-19 among the school community, the schools will be guided by the local health protection team about the actions they need to take.

- You will need to be ready and willing to provide details of anyone you or your child has been in close contact with if they were to test positive for Covid-19 or if asked by NHS Test and Trace.
- You will need to be ready and willing to self-isolate if you have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for Covid-19, or if anyone in your household develops symptoms.

Once again, the governors wish you all the best for the forthcoming term.

Thank you for your support of Honeywell Schools.

Yours faithfully

Emma Healey

Chair of Governors

On behalf of the governing bodies

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