



# Urchfont C. E. Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

This letter provides an update on the work of the school's Governing Body and an indication of their plans for the rest of the year. We have 10 governors including Mrs Talbot and Mrs Underwood who represent the school staff. The remaining 8 governors all have a specific area of responsibility that they monitor and on which they report. These include 'Curriculum', 'Premises and Health and Safety', 'Data', 'Special Educational Needs', 'Publicity' and 'Finance'.

Governors meet 9 times per year and additionally have 2 longer meetings that provide an opportunity to focus in depth on evaluation and future planning. We have undertaken reviews of School policies, reported on safeguarding, performance in Key Stage 1 and 2, supported the development of the School's vision statement and undertake continuous assessment of compliance with GDPR and Health and Safety requirements. In addition the Governing Body support and monitor specific areas that have been identified by governors and the school staff as focus areas. This year the focus is on 'Collective Worship', the 'Creative Curriculum', 'Staff and Pupil Well-Being', 'Reading for Pleasure' and 'Science'. Governors work closely with staff in the school who are always welcoming.

The School has undergone 2 inspections in the last 13 months; one from Ofsted and one from the Diocese and we are very pleased that in both the School has been deemed 'Good'. The Governors are proud of this achievement by staff and pupils whose attitude and behaviour on the day was exemplary as it always is. The Governors view the school as 'Good' as a result of what we see on a daily basis and through our visits and data analysis but it is nice to have it confirmed from outside bodies.

The governing body would also like to thank the parents for their valued support, both as individuals and through USPA who work throughout the year to support the school.

The Public Inquiry regarding the proposed Public Right of Way through the school grounds is on April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall. The School have submitted a Statement of Case to the Planning Inspectorate and will be attending the meeting in April in the Village Hall. If there is anyone who is familiar with the use of the path during the period from 1991 to 2011 and wishes to speak at the meeting please contact me as soon as possible on 01380 840940

At the end of the summer term we will be saying goodbye to Lindyanne Ehrnrooth who has been a parent governor for the last 4 years. We will therefore be seeking a new parent governor. If you are interested in joining us and would like to know more please talk to the parent governors (Ana Wild and Lindyanne ) or contact myself through the school office.

Yours sincerely

*Anya Watson*

Anya Watson (Chair of Governors)

