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Cliffe VC Primary School



Dear Parents / Carers

Happy new year to you all! From a Governor's perspective it's been a busy end to 2018 and will be a busy first few months of 2019.

You will be aware that sadly Mrs Hay will be leaving the School in the summer. As Governing body we are responsible for the selection and recruitment of the new head and I am pleased to inform you that the recruitment process is underway, and we expect to have completed the interview process and have a new head appointed by the end of March.

As Governors we will continue to make ourselves available to parents ensuring Friday gate duties are well represented. I shall be on duty at the School gate on Friday 18th January so if we've not spoken before please feel free to introduce yourself. If you wish to contact a Governor and are unsure who the School Governors are, please visit the School Website at: <http://www.cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk/governors/>

Please do feel free to speak to me or another Governor if you have something you wish to ask about the School from a governance perspective. It is important that you have the opportunity to speak to a Governor should you have any comments, either positive or negative. Any concerns you have that are raised with Governors are addressed through discussions with Mrs Hay and her staff, and at Governor meetings if appropriate.

This is my first time as a School Governor having taken up my position in September 2016. My experience so far is that attendance and active participation at Governor meetings is excellent, and the group has a wide range of skills that benefit the school including, but not limited to educational, financial, and local government experience. I believe Cliffe School benefits greatly from its proactive governance giving the school the support it needs. A recent example of the schools collaborative governance is that against the current national trend, Mrs Hay, supported by the Governing body continues to balance the school

books, without detriment to the OFSTED rated “Good” standard of teaching.

2019 will see delivery of the long awaited school improvement works, creating a larger teaching space and modern toilet and cloak room facilities. Work is due to start April and will be completed by August. I am sure you will agree these improvements are much needed and Mrs Hay has worked hard to secure the funding to deliver this project.

I believe it is important that the school keeps you informed of what is happening at the school, and I urge you to read the website updates, Staff weekly correspondence and Mrs Hay’s monthly newsletter for regular updates on what the children have been learning and participating in.

If you are interested in finding out how to become a School Governor in the future please speak to Mrs Hay or one of the Governors.

I look forward to seeing you at the gate on the 18th January.

Rob Allan
Co-Opted Governor