

COLLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

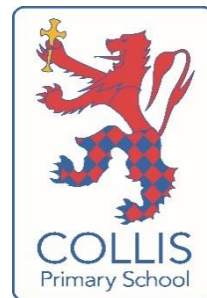
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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with some satisfaction that as we arrive at the end of this academic year, we as governors can finally look back on the year that saw Collis able to get very close to normal operations and the children once again able to benefit from continuity in their learning and uninterrupted access to their friends. Although this time the weather has meant we did not see out the year without a hiccup, the safety of the children is always paramount and decisions will always be made with this in mind.

Governor Review

The year has not been without added challenges due to the ongoing impact of Covid and managing the resolution of legacy build issues. All Collis staff have continued driving on with the development of the curriculum and implementing their strategies towards equity and levelling up to ensure the needs of our disadvantaged and SEND pupils are met. Their efforts have been justly rewarded in the reinstituted SATS assessments as they have achieved the highest scores ever for Phonics, excellent results across Reading, Writing and Maths and in closing the gap for our disadvantaged pupils. Well done to staff and pupils.

Governor Impact Summary

The primary focus of all governor decisions is on improving the outcomes for pupils whether this is academic success, social and emotional development or ensuring the school environment is safe, enjoyable and adds value to the development of the children.

Key Results this year have included:

- A restructure of committees to better align the work of committees and working groups to the revised Education Inspection framework. The new structure consists of two main committees, Curriculum and Resources, supported by area specific work groups e.g. Safeguarding and Pupil Welfare, HR & Communications.
- The Governing board with the Head Teacher has been monitoring the catering service for some time and agreed that the current provision was not meeting expectations for the school or parents. A team of governors supported by a specialist consultant conducted a rigorous selection procedure to appoint a new service provider that commenced in January. This continues to be subject to close monitoring.
- Supporting the school in managing the significant financial impact of lost revenues to achieve a positive budget position without detriment to the provisions for pupils.
- Approval of the increased nursery provision.

Future Focus

- To monitor achievement against strategic goals and the school priorities.
- To ensure that the Collis values continue to underpin all learning in the school.
- To closely follow developments arising out of the recent Government Schools Bill on future education plans. A decision to move schools into Multi Academy Trusts lies with Local Authorities and LBRUT is currently reporting that they have no intentions in this regard. However, there are a number of other initiatives within the Bill that will be important for governing boards to monitor to ensure school is best placed to respond to developments.
- Continue to focus on rebuilding financial resilience.
- Develop plans to try and ensure the retention and enhancement of the swimming pool and maximising opportunities offered by our school facilities.

May we thank you for your continued constructive feedback and supportive comments, these are very much valued by the staff as they endeavour to do their absolute best for the children, keep Collis moving forward and make it an exceptionally happy and safe place for your children to learn.

We wish you all a very enjoyable Summer break, hopefully the sun will still shine but with temperatures that allow us to get out and about and we look forward to welcoming you back in September. For all our Year 6 pupils we wish you all the very best as you move onto an exciting time at your new schools and we thank you for all the efforts and fun you have brought in your time as part of the Collis community.

Very best wishes

Mags Thomas
Chair of Governors on behalf of Collis Governing Board

