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Dear parents and carers,

This year has provided lots of exciting opportunities and celebrations at The Meadows Primary, as well as losses.

As governors we have continued to develop and strengthen our work to support and challenge the school, striving to improve standards. We have welcomed several new governors to the board; Emily Farrell (Parent Governor), Chris Smith (Staff Governor Anna Bateman (Co-opted Governor) and Gift Hamisi (Co-opted Governor) and all these appointments have helped to strengthen our board – providing new expertise and offering more capacity for us to spend time in school and really get to know what the experiences of our children, staff and parents are.

We have met 6 times as a full governing body, 3 times as Resources Committee, and our new committee; the Curriculum and Standards Committee has also met 6 times, which has enabled us to work on our priorities from last year; ensuring the new curriculum is embedded, monitored, and evaluated and developing the cultural experiences of our children. The committee has looked at the progress and achievement data each term, as well as received reports from every subject across the year. Governors have also visited school as part of their link roles, visiting classrooms, meeting with staff, and listening to pupil voice, which has also enabled us to monitor in the other priorities identified last year, including the implementation of the new behaviour policy.

One of the key things we have worked on with the Senior Leadership Team is a new mission statement, values, and 3-year vision for the school, which better reflect what we want our school to be like and achieve. We are excited to share these with you below and would love you to join us for a coffee morning on Friday 15th July at 9am in the school hall (please wait outside the Mini Meadows entrance) if you want to discuss these further, ask any specific questions or just pop in and say hello over a cuppa and slice of cake! Our key focus over the new year will be ensuring these become consistently used across the school, and everything we do is helping us to work towards our vision of what The Meadows is and should be like.

Mission Statement

Our aim is to equip our children with the tools and self-belief to be the best they can be; developing socially, emotionally, and intellectually through our core values.

Our Values

A value is a principle that guides our thinking and our behaviour - our core values underpin everything we do in The Meadows school community. They were chosen after consultation with all members of our school community and are important throughout life, as well as within The Meadows.

All staff, pupils, parents and carers, visitors and governors are expected to behave in ways which support and reflect our values and recognise where others are behaving in ways which demonstrate our values too.

Our core values are:

Aspiration: We want everyone in our school community to have an inner self-belief that they are able to achieve and be the best that they can be in all that they do.

Equality: We want everyone in our school community to feel welcome and safe in the knowledge that they will be treated fairly and justly, without fear of discrimination.

Respect: We want everyone in our school community to show kindness, compassion and empathy towards others and our environment.

Resilience: We want everyone in our school community to understand that effort and determination are essential to any success and to have the courage to persevere when there are challenges.

Integrity: We want everyone in our school community to be proud of being honest and trustworthy, and to independently make the right choices.

Our Vision

Our vision at The Meadows Primary School and Resource Base is that:

- All pupils are provided with opportunities to achieve their best through a broad curriculum which excites, engages, and cultivates a love of learning, and is underpinned by strong pedagogy, preparing pupils for the next stage of life.
- All pupils are provided with opportunities to develop their self-awareness so they can self-regulate, be socially aware, build positive and healthy relationships and independently make the right choices.
- Everyone in our school community feels that The Meadows is an enjoyable and safe place to work and learn in and knows that their wellbeing is important.
- Strong, sustainable, and positive relationships are built with the parents and carers of our pupils to ensure we achieve our mission.
- Links and partnerships are developed with the wider community to ensure that The Meadows is an asset contributing to society and the local area.

As well as the opportunity to feedback to us at the coffee morning we appreciate that there are many parents who may be unable to do this, so we would like to invite you to complete this parent survey <u>https://forms.office.com/r/hrPhDUeDDP</u> (link will also be sent out

electronically) and you can contact us at any point, with both positive stories as well as suggestions for improvement by emailing <u>gbclerk@meadowsprimary.org</u>, or sending a letter into the school marked Chair of Governors.

More information on who we are and what we are doing can be found on our page on the school website: <u>https://www.meadowsprimary.org/Governors/</u>.

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Kate Watkins Chair of Governors – on behalf of the Governing Body