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GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you again for supporting your school and staff so well throughout the year to ensure that we are doing the best we can for the children here. As we enter the final term of this academic year, it is important for the Governing Body to ensure that we, as a school, have improved as the year has progressed. The School Development Plan highlights what areas we need to be concentrating on. This is an evolving document that sets the direction of travel for the teaching staff. It is also vital for us to listen to what you have to say.

When I look back at the parent survey that many of you completed in November last year, I can see that the school leadership team has taken forward some of the useful ideas that you have provided to change things for the better. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and a detailed breakdown of the parental responses can be found on our website.

We were interested to hear your views on the clubs we currently offer, and are pleased that we have been able to add some new clubs this year. We are also in the process of developing a Breakfast Club specifically for Downs Infant children which we hope to have up and running by the beginning of the next academic year. We have taken on board your requests for more information, particularly about events and trips, and a yearly overview will be published for next year to help parents plan dates and contributions for these. We are pleased that parents report being happy with the communication about your child's progress at school, and understand that you have some frustrations about other communication. We now have a Twitter account, use Studybugs for parents to communicate about absence through illness and have introduced online booking for parents' evenings. We are also in the process of updating our school website so it is a more useful resource for parents and carers. Our Headteacher and the other Senior Leaders have also been making themselves more available by being on the school gates at the beginning of the school day.

Finally, if you are interested in supporting the school by becoming a School Governor, feel free to contact me through the school office for more information about what the role entails.

Oli Rahman

Chair of Governors, Downs Infant School



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