

9th January 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year from myself, and the Chair of the Local Board (Chair of Governors) Trish Dodds.

It feels like an appropriate time to reflect upon the last few months since I was appointed as Principal of Fishponds CE Academy. A lot of time has been spent working in partnership with the Local Board (Governors), getting to know our children, staff and families as well as looking into the quality of education your children receive. This has provided all the information needed to develop the next steps of our Academy Improvement Plan to enable us to continue our journey to make Fishponds a 'Good' school that we are all proud of.

As you all know the national expectations for primary schools set by the Government have been significantly raised over the last 18 months. Below is a summary of the main areas we are working on to help our school meet these increased expectations.

We aim to:

Ensure that **all** teaching and learning is consistently good (as well as fun and engaging!) so that we raise standards of achievement in all subjects including English and Maths.

- Improve the attendance and punctuality of our children to 96%.
- Implement revised policies for keeping our children safe both in school and outside of school. This will include some small changes to our behaviour and Say no to Bullying policies.
- Increase the opportunities for our parents to become fully involved in the education of the children. (Through preschool sessions to develop early learning, parent workshops on a number of subjects, parent coffee morning, Friends of the school (PTA))

We appreciate your support in helping us to move our school forwards. Please continue to ensure that your child (ren) comes to school on time, wearing uniform and ready to learn. It is really helpful if you have been able to support any home learning opportunities given.

We look forward to continuing our successful partnership through 2017 and beyond. Do remember our Parent Coffee Mornings running on Fridays from 9am – 10am in the Old Library. This session provides opportunities to meet other parents, find out about the work of our Friends of the School and to meet informally with Mrs Coker and our pastoral, family worker, Michelle Cahill. It would be lovely to see you there!

Yours Sincerely,

Debbie Coker/Principal

Trish Dodds/Chair of Local Board

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