



Kymbrook and Thurleigh Primary Schools Federation
Head teacher: Mrs Sarah Moore

18th December 2018

Governor Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body for both schools within the Federation, I would like to update you on developments this term.

As you know, an Interim Governing Body (called an IEB) was in place last year, and they worked hard to address a number of outstanding matters. They also recruited and appointed our new Head Teacher, Sarah Moore.

In September, the majority of IEB members stood down as planned and we began developing a new Governing Body to continue to provide strategic leadership and accountability. We are delighted to welcome a number of new Governors with a range of skills:

- To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of both schools.
- To hold the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the schools and its' pupils, and the performance management of staff.
- To oversee the financial performance of the schools and ensure value for money.

The team at Bedford Borough Council are working closely with us to recruit a new Chair of Governors following the recent resignation of Cathy Friend, who we are very grateful to for all her hard work and efforts over the past few months.

The current structure is as follows:

Vice Chair	Phil Wayles	
Governors	Simon Iliffe	Parent Governor at Thurleigh
	Sandra Thacker	
	Simon Davies	Parent Governor at Kymbrook
	Jasbir Sondhi	
	Rachel Smith	Staff Governor at Kymbrook
	Sue Freed	Staff Governor at Thurleigh
	Sarah Moore	Head Teacher



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The full Governing Body meets regularly as do two committees who oversee Curriculum & Standards, and Finance & Personnel. Governors have also undertaken a number of visits into both schools to monitor actions against the School Development Plan and be more visible around the schools.

With the appointment of a new Chair in the new year, and a strengthened Governing Body we will continue to work hard with school staff to ensure we provide quality teaching and learning, care, guidance and support for all our children and families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support your give our fantastic staff and wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas.

The Governing Body looks forward to meeting more of you in the new year as we continue to work together to provide the best possible opportunities and outcomes for your children.

Yours sincerely

Phil Wayles
Vice Chair of Governors