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Dear Cuddington Families,

Happy new year! I hope that you have been able to enjoy a happy, healthy Christmas and new year celebrations. I am writing to you at the start of 2024 to update you on the work of Cuddington's Local Academy Board (LAB) of governors.

For those families who are new to Cuddington the school has been a member of Create Learning Trust since it was founded in October 2019. The role of Cuddington's LAB is to follow the school's values of "**Respect, Collaborate and Aspire**" and to promote Create Learning Trust's vision of "**Creating Success Together**" to ensure the very best outcomes for all of Cuddington's children.

The LAB is a team of willing volunteers with a range of skills who have a strategic role. The day to day operational work of the school lies with Mrs Mills as Headteacher. The LAB acts as the eyes and ears for Create Learning Trust on the effectiveness of the school's leadership and management. Each LAB governor has a link role monitoring:

- Safeguarding, Behaviour and Attendance
- Quality of education (including Special Educational Needs (SEND) and Inclusion and Early Years)
- Finance (including Pupil Premium and Sports Premium funding)
- Health and Safety
- Personal Development and Well being

LAB governors make visits to school to talk with relevant staff and produce reports which are shared and discussed at termly clerked meetings. The LAB also has termly unclerked meetings with a specific focus. For example, on 11th January the LAB will be sharing the school's priorities for the next 12 months which have been agreed as a result of considering trust internal school reviews from the last 12 months, data collected from local and national sources and outcomes from the school's last Ofsted inspection (April 2023).

Communication is key for the success of the school and the trust. Each term relevant local governors attend trust committee meetings for Quality of Education and Finance. During the autumn relevant link governors attended successful school Health & Safety and SEND audits. There have been numerous community events attended by governors over the autumn term. As well as providing further opportunities to talk with and thank staff, governors can gather views from families about how well the school is doing and how it can improve. As LAB chair I keep in touch regularly with Mrs Mills and I meet with the trust's CEO and LAB chairs from the other academy schools each term.

I am indebted to our LAB members who volunteer their time and to all of the school staff for their time given to governors. Mrs Mills will continue to update you on the work of Create Learning Trust via her school newsletter. You can find out more about our LAB members via the school's website as well as links to Create Learning Trust.

Best wishes to you all for the Spring term ahead.

Kind regards,
Rose Marsden
Cuddington LAB Chair

