



Cuddington Primary School

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Dear Cuddington Families,

It is hard to believe that a school year has just ended and Cuddington has bid farewell to its Year 6 children and to families who will no longer be part of Team Cuddington in September. The school is also bidding farewell to Mrs Clarke and wishing her a long and happy retirement after 18 years working in her administrative role. Cuddington's Local Academy Board (LAB) sends warm wishes to all of you.

As it is the end of the year, I wanted to write to you on behalf of Cuddington's LAB to reflect upon what has been achieved as a result of governance from the school and Create Learning Trust working together.

Cuddington LAB governors have completed a number of visits to school over the last year where they have been able to speak and listen to the views of parents, children and staff. It was pleasing to hear such positive feedback at the Spring parent evenings concerning the school's approach to behaviour management. Local governors have also been able to gain views about the school's Personal Development curriculum. As a result, school is reflecting upon this aspect of its work so parents can have a better understanding of this aspect of the curriculum.

Local governors have completed visits to the school 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

Cuddington LAB acts as a critical friend by being informed about what is happening in the school, providing support and challenge in equal measure at their local clerked meetings and reporting to Create Learning Trust. In this way a shared, supportive approach between school and the trust makes a positive difference to Cuddington's children creating success together.

Over the last year Create Learning Trust has provided support and guidance by working with the school on the following:

- addressing improvements as recommended by the school's previous Ofsted inspection
- driving improvements in maths and writing especially for lowest achieving children
- securing a consistent approach for children with SEND and for the youngest children in Reception
- providing staff training on mental health and well-being and early communication & language

On behalf of Cuddington's LAB I would like to thank some amazing groups of people that contribute to the life of the school.

- the PTA volunteering their time from busy lives creating amazing fund-raising events that continue to contribute significantly to what the school can provide for your children;
- the teachers and teaching assistants who work tirelessly every day
- everyone for their time, energy and work supporting residentials, encouraging sporting success, leading a variety of extra-curricular activities, producing delicious meals, keeping the school clean and tidy and



completing the daily administration that keep the wheels turning and make Cuddington the special place that it is.

In September Team Cuddington will be welcoming new children and families. Updates on the work of the school and Create Learning Trust will continue via newsletters.

My warmest and best wishes to you all for happy, safe summer holidays and hopefully some sunshine.

Kind regards,
Rose Marsden
Cuddington LAB Chair