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Annual Governor Update

Dear all,

We write to share with you details of the Governing Body's activities over the past year.

Again, this year has been a year with school 'closures' and remote learning. Thank you to each and every one of you for your support as part of the School family and our wider community. Thank you to the fantastic staff, PTA, parents and everyone who has contributed to the wellbeing of the school throughout the year.

We, as Governors, have continued to hold remote meetings and have worked to support the School where necessary. Much of the work of the Board of Governors is behind the scenes – which is as it should be, given that our brief is not to get involved in the daily running of the school but to oversee the strategic direction of the school, to provide challenge and also support to the Head, Assistant Head and the staff team.

Key areas of our strategic work this year have been:-

1. Conversion to Primary

We have continued to work with senior leaders to enable the School's conversion from First to Primary. We are delighted that in September, Himbleton will be welcoming its first ever Year 5 cohort, made up of current pupils and also some new families.

2. Monitoring of attainment, progress, attendance and pupil groups

In January 2020 we were inspected by Ofsted and were very pleased to remain a 'Good' School. Governors have been prioritising Ofsted's key recommendations in our Monitoring Plan and have met virtually with staff members providing support and challenge. Attendance was an issue highlighted by Ofsted, this was obviously made more difficult to monitor with the pandemic however we were pleased that most recent data shows achievement of the target of 97% attendance across the school. There have again been no statutory assessments as a result of the pandemic; the school has provided internal assessment data and the Standards Committee have been monitoring this and any necessary catch up initiatives. We have also continued to monitor our progress and standards through external review.

3. Support for School and approval of Risk Assessments following Covid19

It has been another extremely challenging year for Schools who have had to take into account ever changing guidance from the Government, assess and mitigate risk and work to ensure children and staff are as safe as can be. We have continued to support CPD for our staff where possible in these challenging times.

We would like to wish the best of luck to the pupils who are moving on from Himbleton and look forward to the new school year when hopefully the whole school will be able to be back together in some form of normality.

We hope you all have a very lovely summer break.

With best wishes,

The Governors at Himbleton School

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