

The Governing Body of Two Waters School



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Dear Parents,

I am writing to you to provide you with an update on school performance, the work of the Governing Body and priorities for the school over the coming months.

At our meeting in mid-November, the governing body reviewed school performance data from the 2017/18 academic year. Progress and attainment across the key stages remains strong in the majority of areas and the school performance consistently above national and county averages in all areas of the curriculum – staff, pupils and parents should be commended for their efforts in delivering consistently high standards across the school. This excellent performance was verified externally during the Standards Visit which took place on 22 November 2018 and was undertaken by the school's improvement partner at Herts for Learning. Despite this excellent performance, there are still areas for improvement. Data has shown us that progress scores in maths are lower than had been hoped for and that attainment could be improved. As such, the School Development Plan has a priority focussed on developing and enhancing progress in maths to ensure that maths outcomes equal those in reading, writing and grammar, punctuation and spelling. Governor class visits have been focussed on looking at how this priority is being delivered in classes. Parents are encouraged to look out for maths initiatives being rolled-out across the school and encourage their children to get stuck in to new challenges at school and at home.

School funding remains an area of concern schools nationally. Whilst Two Waters have been effective at managing their finances over recent years, financial sustainability is an on-going concern. The governing body and school leadership team are currently exploring different governance models for the school which will give Two Waters more autonomy over its finances and assets, plus allow us to develop partnerships with schools in the locality. It is expected that options for the school will be developed during the Spring Term to enable the governing body to make an informed decision in the Summer Term about the future of the school. When considering the schools future, the absolute priority will be to maintain excellent teaching standards across the key stages and subject areas, and to support pupils with additional needs.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to wish pupils, staff, parents and the wider community a happy Christmas and merry new year, and I hope that you all enjoy a well-deserved break over the festive period.

Best wishes,

**Andrew Charlwood
Chair of Governors**