



Governor Update

27 March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is an update from the governors. As always, please email governors@sudbourne.com with any questions.

Update on Proposed School Expansion

The governors and school leadership team meet regularly with Lambeth to discuss the progress of the proposed school expansion. The planning application for the new site on Mandrell Road was submitted in November 2018 and we expect to receive a decision in late April 2019. Demolition of the old Livity school on Mandrell Road started in early February 2019 and should finish shortly. The demolition contractors hosted the school council on site last week and the school council will present to the school at an assembly about what they learnt. Further visits to the site will be planned with the wider school when construction starts. Construction of the new school will take around fifteen months and complete by August 2020. In relation to the existing school site, Lambeth have agreed to install a new fire alarm system, rewire the electrical system and install emergency lighting, in addition to renovating the main entrance to the school and building a new entrance for nursery.

Changes to the Governing Body

Parent governor vacancy

We recently advertised a parent governor vacancy. If you would like to put yourself forward as a candidate, please email us on governors@sudbourne.com and request an application pack which will contain further information along with a parent governor election form. Please complete and return the election form to the school office by 4th April 2019. We are running a drop-in info session this Friday 29 March, 8:45-9:15am, come along if you have any questions.

Co-opted governor

We have recently appointed Brigid O'Leary to join the school's governing body as a co-opted governor. Brigid is an educational psychologist (formerly an economist) with extensive professional knowledge and experience of supporting schools with a variety of issues around learning and wellbeing, including safeguarding and special educational needs. Thank you to all the applicants for this role, there was a very strong field of candidates.

Governors' Day

Each year the governing body comes together for a "Governors' Day" to discuss key areas of focus, school strategy for the forthcoming year and to observe teaching and learning at the school. This year, the senior leadership team presented on the implementation of 'Kapow Primary', a computing resource for teachers, which supports teachers to provide around 700 lessons across the curriculum and is currently being piloted to teach computing and personal, social, health and economic topics. We also discussed the move towards 'dynamic grouping' which recognises that ability is fluid and ensures that each child is challenged in their learning. Our learning walks gave us an insight into the positive learning environment cultivated by both staff and children at Sudbourne.

With best wishes for the Summer term.

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