



New Scotland Hill Primary School and Nursery

Enjoying living and learning together

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Dear Pupils, Parents and Staff

At the end of this academic year, I am writing on behalf of the Governing Body to say thank you for all you have done this year to help make New Scotland Hill a happy and safe place for everyone to learn and grow.

So many people have worked together as a team – pupils, parents and carers, volunteers, teachers, senior leaders and governors – to improve school life for all.

A big thank you to you all!

We are moving from a backdrop of the biggest educational disruption in living memory, but despite this New Scotland Hill School continues to thrive and the Governing Body is delighted with the pupils' academic and pastoral successes across the entire school this year.

Of course, there is always more to do, and the school continues to develop a clear plan for the future, with ambitious targets linked to a school strategy aimed to improve the outcomes for our children.

Attendance is improving as we return to the new normal, but it is worth mentioning here of the importance of regular attendance being key to good outcomes for our children. Every learning day is precious and your support in sending your children in every day is encouraged whether that be Nursery or beyond.

I would like to mention the PTA. They are a really important element of the school community, and its success often reflects the school's reputation. I am so pleased to see energy maintained by this small, dedicated group during and post Covid, but I would appeal to all parents and carers to get involved with the school community and actively support the PTA in any way they can. You too could be part of the team that raises thousands of pounds to improve the school experience.

Have you considered being a governor? The role of the governors is to provide strategic input and challenge to the Headteacher and senior staff to ensure the school provides the best possible environment and opportunities for our pupils and staff.

The Governing Body includes parents, staff and others from a wide range of backgrounds engaging directly with school senior leaders, staff, students, the wider community, and parents.

We include a number of parent governor places to ensure that current parents are involved in strategic decisions about the school. Parents have a wealth of knowledge, experience and skills as well as their specific relationship with the school and their contribution is valued.

We will be holding parent governor elections in September. Could this be for you?

After such a long period of Covid restrictions it has been a wonderful being allowed back into school. Seeing the school community come together and celebrating the success of our children.

A big thank you to the staff leaving us this year, we wish you well in your careers and a big welcome to those joining us in the new term.

Finally, to those who are moving on to new schools we say thank you for being a part of New Scotland Hill, we wish you all the very best and hope that you will continue to learn and grow in your new school.

I hope you have a great summer break and look forward to another happy year at New Scotland Hill starting in September.

With very best wishes

Darren Abbott
Chair of Governors