



**Building Personal Success**



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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who was able to spend some time talking to our governors on Tuesday morning. The governors reported that they felt that it was a positive experience, very informative and useful to their work. Governors are tasked with supporting the school leaders with the following three areas:

- Clarity of vision.
- Holding the leaders to account for the educational performance of all pupils and performance management of all staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure it's well spent.

The governors shared that parents and carers told them that the school is doing well in supporting pupils and that children are happy at school. There were many positive comments such as:

- There have been many changes since the change in headteacher last year and most of these changes have been for the better and have been well-managed;
- PMLD unit – very complimentary about the provision;
- Parents and carers are happy with the way the school is run overall;
- Parents who work closely with the SENDCo and the inclusion team are happy with the work being carried out in school and the support they are receiving;
- The majority were happy with their child's transition from nursery to Reception and from Reception to Y1 – parents and carers were pleased that children were kept together from Reception to Y1;
- Reports that parents and carers are very happy and pleased with teachers who are teaching their child;
- Office staff very good at replying to emails;
- 15 minute opening for a soft-start makes mornings much calmer;
- Parents are keen to fundraise for specific events e.g. toys for Year 1 and more shade in the playground;
- The focus on anti-bullying and ensuring that any forms of discrimination are challenged has been welcome.

The governors also sought comments on what would make Brampton even better. The comments made were all issues raised previously in the parent forum and to senior leaders and there was not anything mentioned that is not already being worked on. There were some individual rather than general comments and senior leaders will be following these up with those individual parents and carers.

### **Shelter/shade for the playground**

This will be something that the head teacher and the business manager will explore further.



**Quality Mark**  
EARLY YEARS  
AWARD

## **Quality of lunches, children not wanting to eat, and cutlery not being clean**

We have reminded all the children again that if they have any concerns around lunches or if the cutlery is dirty to tell an adult so we can resolve it in school at the time. The children can also bring it up in their weekly school council meeting. The school cook is keen to listen to the children's views and opinions and work together to find ways to improve to continue improving the service. The bands to indicate chosen lunches was brought in after the children raised a concern that they did not always get their first choice of meal.

## **Music curriculum**

Once Mr Kennaway handed in his resignation, we advertised for a music teacher both internally and externally. No-one applied at this time. After working with parents and the local community, a couple of applicants were found and the school is in the process of inducting these new members of staff. They will deliver lessons and clubs. In the meantime, teachers are trained to teach music as part of their training and therefore the national curriculum will always be delivered. In addition to this, Ms Willson, who is a gifted musician, is providing some of the music lessons during this interim period. We have also bid for a grant for £20,000 to support our music provision further. Parents and carers can support this bid, more details regarding this will follow soon. We want to reassure you that we are passionate about our children having access to a great music provision.

## **After School Clubs**

A letter was sent out around clubs on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We will be exploring further to run more specific clubs for children with severe complex needs.

## **Volunteering** – what do parents do if they want to volunteer?

We welcome all volunteers.

A separate letter will be sent out explaining clearly the process in becoming a volunteer.

## **Year 1**

We will be reviewing our transition policy from Reception to Year 1 to see if we can incorporate more choosing time and play into the Year 1 curriculum.

## **No homework / not enough homework**

The homework policy was reviewed and shared with parents last year. Parents and carers are encouraged to speak to the curriculum lead if they feel their child would benefit from additional home learning.

## **More information around curriculum**

Please see our website for the curriculum overviews and a reminder that each year group will be holding curriculum meetings with parents at the beginning of each half term. The PowerPoint from the Autumn 1 meeting can be found in the meetings and forums tab on the school website. The next date for curriculum information meeting is **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** at 3.30pm and repeated at 4pm.

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## **Raffle Prizes**

The winners of the raffle collected their hampers. Thank you to everyone who participated.

We thank you for your continued support of our school and the leadership team. Remember when you have a question, query or complaint, please speak with your child's class teacher first. The next stage is to speak to a member of the leadership team. Please only contact governors once you have exhausted all the stages within school. The contact email address for the governors is: [governors@brampton.newham.sch.uk](mailto:governors@brampton.newham.sch.uk), alternatively, you can leave a letter at the office and it will be passed onto the chair of governors.

Yours faithfully,  
**Mrs Paven Kettory**  
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