



Common Road Infant and Nursery School

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The Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school is: Mrs Julie Littlewood

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following my letter to you on the 12th of January in response to the OFSTED report, I would like to give you an update on the progress we have made to date and our future plans to address the areas that still required additional work.

The school staff, leadership team and governing body have received extensive support from Wakefield School Improvement Team which has assisted us greatly to identify key areas to work on and is already showing signs of making a positive impact in delivering consistently quality teaching in all areas of the school.

A pupil premium review was carried out in early February by Achievement for All, this has enabled us to identify what we are doing well and what changes we need to effectively spend our pupil premium funding to help the children that need it most, so they can achieve the very best progress and outcomes.

Tony Mallard an experienced head teacher who carried out the review, will continue to work with the school over the next two years to help implement these and other improvements.

But we still have a lot to do.

We have been very fortunate to secure the support of Tracy Swinburne head teacher of an OFSTED rated outstanding school Jerry Clay Academy in Wrenthorpe, and a National Leader of Education. She will be working closely with the head teacher, leadership team, teaching staff, support staff, and governors over the next term.

She is very experienced and knowledgeable, with extensive experience of supporting schools like Common Road, with her support and guidance will believe we can quickly make and embedding the improvements we still need to make. I do need to make it clear Mrs Swinburne is only coming to school to offer advice and support and will not be taking on the role or duties of any of our current members of staff or the head teacher.





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There is also an opportunity for parents to help implement these improvements and shape the future direction of the school.

We have a vacant slot for a Parent Governor, this a key role in the management of the school, not only to ensure the good running of the school, but to shape and influence the strategic long term direction of our school.

It can be quite a demanding but satisfying role and you will be expected to attend most full governing body meetings which are apx every 6 weeks, plus committee meetings as and when required which are usually termly. You will also be expected to visit the school at least once a term to observe a subject area to ensure improvements are being made and standards are consistently high.

Quality training and support is provided by Wakefield council and the national governance association on how to undertake the role.

Most meetings are held within the school day, but as most governors have other commitments there is some flexibility around the times and days of meetings.

If you have an interest in education or have a particular set of skills that you think would benefit the school, and you're interested in becoming a governor, please complete a nomination form.

Or if you would like to know more about the role please contact the school to arrange an informal discussion with myself or another governor.

The closing date for nominations is the 27th of April 2018

On behalf of the school and the Governing Body may I take this opportunity to thank you for your valued and continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Alister Nicholl
Chair of Governors

