



YORKE MEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2016

Letter from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff of Yorke Mead,

I am writing to you at the end of another highly successful year at Yorke Mead. These are very challenging times in education with many major changes taking place and ongoing uncertainties about how education will develop over the next couple of years. Governors are delighted that Ms Pollard and her leadership team continue to steer Yorke Mead through these difficult times in a way that maximises the benefits for the children while minimising stress for children and staff alike. The governors have an ambitious vision for the school and it is exciting to see this vision being realised.

In this letter I want to focus your attention on the governors' vision for the school. Governors are at the end of an exercise through which we have reviewed and updated our strategic vision for the next three years. This has resulted in the document which accompanies this letter. Governors have a key role in setting the strategic goals of the school and monitoring progress towards these goals. This is a role that the governors of Yorke Mead take very seriously. You will see that we begin by setting out our vision and values, broad statements that set out what we think is important in education. This is followed by details of what this might mean practically in many aspects of the work of the school. We hope that you share in our vision and values and support the practical steps that we are taking to ensure that we realise them to ever greater effect.

Yorke Mead has a strong team of governors with considerable experience and expertise who freely give of their time as volunteers. I want to thank them for the very significant difference that they make to Yorke Mead working away behind the scenes. Yes being a governor means participating in meetings but in addition everyone on the Board of Governors attends regular training course to ensure that they are fully up to date and they all come into the school during the working day to observe it in action and meet with children, staff and parents so that their decisions are grounded in first-hand knowledge of the work of the school.

As we approach the summer and a well-earned break for children and staff I want to thank all members of the school community for their contributions this year children, parents, staff and governors. A particular thanks to those staff who are leaving us for pastures new and to the Year 6 who are leaving us for the great adventure that is secondary school. We have something very special at Yorke Mead, long may it continue to grow and thrive.

Regards,

Will Connolly
Chair of Governors

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