

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE GOVERNORS  
OF WRENBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL 2017-18

Dear Parents,

Welcome again to another Annual Report from the Governors at Wrenbury Primary School. I have had the privilege of continuing my role as Chair of Governors and enjoying the close links that we, the Governors, have with the staff and children at the school.

I am pleased to say that Wrenbury Primary School has enjoyed another very successful year and continues to grow from strength to strength. This was acknowledged by OFSTED in January when the school was graded 'Good' and achieving an 'Outstanding' Grade in Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare. I am sure you are as proud as we are with this achievement and thank the whole staff of the school, in whichever capacity they are employed, for their efforts to make Wrenbury School a great place to be, educationally and socially.

As Governors, we recognise the efforts and good work of all staff in contributing to the schools continuing progress. As Governors we have all been involved in working hard on supporting the strategic direction of the school and I thank all members of the Governing Body for their time. As you are aware, the role of the governing body has three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

To do this we have a team of volunteer governors who work through various committees; Teaching and Learning, Leadership and Management and Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare.

**Leadership and Management** - This year a great deal of time has been spent ensuring that the schools financial situation is sound. As a committee we are responsible for over-seeing the allocation of funds and approval of forecasts and budget through the financial year. This has not been an easy task as I am sure you are aware, cuts to school budgets by the Government has meant some difficult decisions have had to be made. However, the school continues to grow and we are very pleased that we have been able to increase the teaching staff team and welcome Miss McKinnon to Wrenbury from September.

**Teaching, Learning and Assessment** - This year along with the close monitoring of Literacy and Numeracy the Governors have also been involved in the monitoring and development of the foundation subjects especially geography, history, PE and Science. The new assessment process for these is now effectively showing pupils progress and identifying areas for improvement. The cross curricular way the school works is a strength of the school and integrates all subjects. Along with exciting activities that inspire our children with fantastic learning opportunities, the curriculum aims to develop the whole child. Ofsted acknowledged that good use is made of the primary school physical education and sports premium to promote active and healthy lifestyles effectively and the very successful Healthy Mind and Healthy Body Week is an example of this.

**Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare** – Governors are pleased that attendance continues to improve and the pupils are very proud of their weekly achievements and Golden tickets. Attendance does count and poor attendance is linked to a lack of progress and achievement. Thank you for ensuring your children attend school on a regular basis.

Meeting the new General Data Protection Regulations has been a demanding task and as Governors we are confident that everything is in place to meet the new requirements. A big thank you has to go out to the admin. staff for tackling this demanding process.

One of the responsibilities of Governors is to ensure that we are doing all we can to safeguard our children. We have, for a number of years, wanted to change the entrance to the school to provide an area for visitors without entry to the main part of the building. This year we have been lucky enough to secure a grant to do this and once planning has been granted we hope this will be completed during the next academic year.

What next you may ask? It would be easy to continue as we are but in a changing society there may be different approaches that might suit our school even better. Changes in the ways that schools are funded, different demand on services and the ways these services are provided mean that we have to challenge ourselves to ensure that we place the school and the education it provides in the best position for now and the future. We were therefore, very pleased to be able to offer provision for 3yr and 4 yr olds when the continuation of Wrenbury pre-school faced difficulties. 'Little Wrens' will be the new addition to school from September. Also 'The Nest' out of school club will be based in the school building. We are pleased to be able to secure these extended services for Wrenbury.

The school is in a strong place and with your support it will continue to be. The staff have continued to build strong relationships within our community and we are grateful for their contributions to our curriculum. We are always looking for additional help. If you have a little time to give in school for reading, support in class or after school please contact Mrs Cador. The FOWS do a great job in providing fund raising events; look how fantastic the school fair was, but often what they can offer is limited because of lack of helpers. If you can give just a little of your time during the year it would make a real difference.

I would like to thank all those who already contribute to making our school so successful, including parents, who volunteer a great deal of their time to support activities, other members of the community who help in school especially the Friends of Wrenbury Primary School. A special thank you has to go to Mrs Cador and all the staff who give above and beyond to make sure that Wrenbury School is the best it can possibly be.

Have a lovely summer and we look forward to working with you all in the new academic year.

Jenny Davies (Chair of Governors)

Further information about the school Governing Body can be found on the Governor Page of the school website.