

Governors' Annual Report for Lower Peover APCM 2020/21

2020/21 turned out to be another strange year in the life of Lower Peover C.E. Primary School with the lockdown continuing throughout April and May and children accessing online learning from home. Staff worked exceptionally hard to provide lessons for pupils to complete remotely, whilst catering for the children of Key Workers in the school environment.

In June, however, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children were permitted to return to school along with those of Key Workers. Mrs Dean and the Senior Leadership Team masterminded an excellent plan to ensure that each year group was able to return safely and remain in their respective bubbles at all times during the school day. All classrooms were in use as year groups had to be split to meet the Government's guidelines of only 15 being permitted in each bubble.

When the new academic year arrived in September all children were welcomed back into school, much to the delight of many parents, and the stringent measures that were put in place in Lockdown 1 continued to be adhered to, and revised, in line with the ever changing Government Guidance. Music lessons returned, singing in small groups recommenced and PE once again took place. Life reverted to the 'new normal'.

In January, however, things changed again as Lockdown 3 commenced and once again the majority of children returned to remote learning. This time teachers were required to provide live lessons on Google Classrooms and set work accordingly in specially prepared booklets. It was a steep learning curve and created twice as much work as face to face teaching but the staff rose to the challenge and comments from parents couldn't praise teachers highly enough for their dedication and commitment to the pupils in their care, either at home or in the classroom. The 'remote learning offer' clearly surpassed that of the majority of schools in both the state and private sector.

March arrived and pupils returned to school. There were celebrations in each classroom as children were again able to see their friends and a whole school project centring around the School's Vision ensued. We all hope and pray that the educational journey will now continue as 'normal' to the end of the academic year.

Currently there are 203 children on roll.

On the staffing front the School said goodbye to Miss Kim Williamson at the end of the 2019/20 academic year. They would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has contributed to the life of the School, during her time at Lower Peover, and wish her well as she embarks on the next stage of her teaching career at an international school in Dubai.

In September 2020 the School welcomed Miss Charlie Slattery, a Newly Qualified Teacher, to replace Miss Williamson. She has proved to be an excellent asset to the school and is enjoying teaching Y1.

After a number of years as a Foundation Governor, Mr Martin Hughes decided not to renew his term of office on the Governing Board. The Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his valuable contribution, during his time as a Governor, and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to end my report by expressing the Governors' thanks to Mrs Dean, and all the staff at Lower Peover C.E. Primary School, for their continued dedication and hard work, in what has been a most unusual 12 months.

Louise Lawton

Vice Chair of Governors

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