

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE GOVERNORS  
OF WRENBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL 2018-19

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.

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. This is a very responsible position to hold and I would like to thank them all for the large amount of time they give to the school. We do have a Local Authority Governor vacancy at the moment, so if you, or you know someone, who would be interested in this position do please contact school. Results from surveys often state that parents do not know the Governors however, our profiles are on the website and also do look out for us at school events (our lanyards give us away)!

Our focus, as always, remains firmly directed at improving outcomes for all children by delivering high quality teaching and maximising progress and attainment, but also the whole development of the child and their emotional wellbeing. This is consistent with the school motto:

Inspire...Aspire...Achieve  
Wrenbury Primary School.....where we all matter!

There have been very many successes this year – for pupils, staff and the whole community – and the Governors are delighted to acknowledge these and congratulate the school on another fantastic year.

One of the biggest achievements this year has been the establishment of the ‘Little Wrens’. Now, our children are able to join us in our 3-4 year old nursery provision before moving into our Reception class. Although this created a great deal of work for all concerned to ensure that the correct provision was available we now have a very strong Early Years Department thanks to the work of Mrs Holdsworth, Mrs Griffin and Mrs Agnew. Sadly, Mrs Holdsworth is leaving as she is relocating to Scotland. However, we are very pleased that Mr Morrison will be joining us as Early Years Lead in September. He has many years of experience as a Reception/Nursery teacher and has already met the children and parents of the ‘Little Wrens’. Hopefully, we can also develop stronger links with a Toddler Group held in School House in the Autumn Term.

One of my responsibilities as a Governor is ‘Early Years’ and I have therefore had many opportunities to observe and speak to the children in ‘Little Wrens’ who are always very happy and enthusiastic to tell me about their time in school. I am amazed at how much they have learnt this year and how very well prepared they are for the next stage of their school journey. Transition into the Reception class will be no problem for these children as staff,

environment and routines are already established for them. In fact, it is often difficult to see which are Reception and which are 'Little Wrens'!!

Alongside this, 'The Nest' Out of School Club was established and this again is proving to be a successful venture. Children can attend before or after school on a regular or ad hoc basis. Mrs Pegram has created a warm, friendly environment for the children and has plans to extend the provision in the future. A big thank you to everyone who has supported this.

We celebrate the achievements of all pupils at the school but particularly at this time of year the year 6 pupils who have secure good SATs results and should be very proud of their achievements. Wrenbury School has fully prepared them academically and emotionally for the next stage of their school life and we wish them all well. Hopefully, they will keep in touch.

We also celebrate the many sporting achievements this academic year. Every opportunity is taken to ensure that all the children take part in a variety of activities from sports days, inter-school competitions, gymnastics training etc. The school is proud of achieving the Sainsbury's Gold Award 2 years running. This is a great achievement for a small village school.

'Well Being' is centre to the schools philosophy and we were very pleased to be one of the first schools to be awarded the NHS Self Care Bronze Award. We will continue to work towards Silver and Gold in the future.

Wrenbury Primary School is at the heart of the village and we are always looking for ways to work with the community. Becoming part of the 'Compassionate Communities Project' we have been working with the Doctor Surgery and also Wrenbury Nursing Home. I am sure you have all seen the news feeds re the sending of post-cards to the Nursing Home residents and also the children's contribution to the bird feeders outside the surgery. These are all examples of how the school values working together and learning from each other.

I also need to congratulate the FOWS (friends of Wrenbury school) on the super effort that has been put in to help raise money for the school. The majority of events have been joint events with other sectors of the community ensuring again that everyone is working together as one. Well done to everyone! The funds are so necessary, in this financial climate, to provide essential equipment for the school which the school budget can no longer provide readily e.g. computer equipment etc.

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. Due to a grant from the Local Authority it is now coming to fruition and by the beginning of the next academic year we will have a new reception area including changes to the office and Headteacher Area. The children are enjoying observing the build as it progresses.

The school is in a strong place and with your support it will continue to be. Our challenges as Governors next year include:

- Ensure the school meets the demands of the New Ofsted Framework
- Continue to secure financial stability for the school
- Strategic work on maintaining numbers on role
- Developing pupils in the diverse aspects of life and sustaining an inclusive culture
- Developing parental engagement strategies starting with the Parent Forum.

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. Working in a small school means that everyone has a huge amount of responsibilities and everyone that works at Wrenbury gives 100%. I am sure you all appreciate how much everyone gives to ensure your children receive the best education and also care a child could want.

Have a lovely summer and we look forward to working with you all in September and having another amazing year.

Jenny Davies (Chair of Governors)

### Contacting the Governors

We love to hear your views and opinions on the school. A questionnaire is sent out in the Autumn Term which we hope you will all complete. If you would like to discuss something in particular about the school (not your individual child / or staff member) please contact the Chair through the school office with communication marked 'for the attention of the Chair of Governors'.