

# CANON POPHAM CofE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support and for maintaining the careful approach that we have in place to keep everyone safe.

## **Attendance**

You may have seen in the media that the attendance figure nationally, since schools returned in September has been 88%. Our attendance figure is almost 96% which is such a positive start. Thank you very much to all of you who are putting your trust in us and enabling all the children to be back at school and making progress with their learning.

## **News on the Y6 bubble**

Our Year 6 children and staff are doing well and working hard from their homes, where they are all self-isolating. We have had no further positive cases reported. This week, Mrs Shelton and Mrs Wilkinson have been teaching the children via zoom. They have been able to take part in 'live' teaching lessons throughout the day, with follow up independent tasks for each lesson. The children have had daily English and Maths teaching as well as other curriculum subjects. Well done Year 6, and the staff who are working hard and keeping their learning progressing even though they are not in school.

## **Gate opening times at the start and end of the day.**

As part of our risk assessment, and in order to minimise the numbers of people on the site, we are unable to unlock the gates to school as early as we would have done in previous years. Our first bubble of children begin their day at 8:40. We are therefore aiming to open the gates no more than 10 minutes before this. We would like to ask parents and carers to be mindful of this, and to ensure that you don't arrive earlier.

We would also like to politely remind parents and carers to vacate the school site, and the pavement outside school as soon as possible, and not to use the areas for extended social conversations. This is to ensure that we keep the site as safe as we can make it, for everyone's well-being.

## **Election of Parent Governor.**

We have come to the time where the parent governor term of office is coming to a close and we will be seeking to reappoint.

Mr David Milnes is currently vice chair with extensive governor experience over a number of years. He also has experience in safeguarding, safer recruitment, conducting lesson visits and working as the named governor for Maths across the school. In addition he has previously been Chair of Governors and worked with the school at inspections.

Mr Milnes has also worked to represent parents through the setting up and regular monitoring of the Parent Voice site, as well as giving his time as a PTA volunteer in addition to his governor role.

Mr Milnes has indicated that he is happy to continue in this role for another term of office. That said if any parent believes they have comparable experience and the time required (around 8 hours per month for the governor role) to offer the school we would be happy for that parent to meet with myself and the Chair of Governors. An election would



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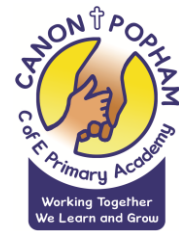
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then potentially follow. Any potential governor would need to complete a DSAT Governor Application form prior to any potential election process and appointment.

If anyone is interested and able to offer a comparable level of experience and expertise, please contact school to arrange an appointment to discuss the role by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to keep everyone safe. As always, if you have any concerns or queries please feel welcome to contact us.

Mrs Navas



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