



**GROWING SUCCESS
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Governors' Report 2018-19

Dear Parents and Carers

As the school year draws to a close it is my pleasure to share the main achievements of our school over the last year.

Ofsted - We were delighted with the recent Ofsted report and believe that it reflects the journey that the school has made over the last two years. There has been significant improvement across the board and the Governing Body is very grateful to our Headteacher, Mr Simon Hateley, the senior leadership team and all the staff for their continued dedication and commitment to providing the best education and learning experiences for our children that they possibly can. The Governing Body was also very pleased that Ofsted recognised how tremendously supportive our parent body is of the school.

Vision and Values – Our new vision statement, with its display in the school entrance lobby, and our six values of Care, Hope, Aspire, Respect, Inquire and Share are now well embedded. The next stage is the strategic plan to deliver the vision which the Governing Body and Mr Hateley have been developing over the last few months. The start of this work was shared at the Journey to Excellence evening and we will be sharing an overview of the first year of our plan with you in the Autumn term.

Ethos – Our three parish churches of St Wilfrid's, The Ascension and St Richard's have continued to work with our school and further strengthen their links. Of particular note is the contribution of organist and choir master Nic Robinson who has been working with the Year 5s with fantastic results and lots of positive feedback. Thank you also to the parent prayer group which continues to hold the school in their prayers and has provided a wonderful welcome at our Open Mornings for prospective parents. We really appreciate all that you do.

Governors were also very pleased that Ofsted described St Wilfrid's as "a very welcoming, happy school," where there is "a strong commitment by everyone to the promotion of equality." As we look forward, we are preparing for our SIAMS inspection which is due in October 2019 and provides a judgement by the Church of England diocese on our effectiveness as a church school.

Pupils – The wonderful children of St Wilfrid's are the reason that so many people (staff, volunteers, governors, as well as parents), go the extra mile and more. Again, it was very pleasing to see that Ofsted commented so positively on pupil behaviour and the high expectations of staff. Amongst the many successes this year, it has been a delight to follow the U11 girls' football team which has really put St Wilfrid's on the map as Haywards Heath, Area and County champions. What a fantastic achievement! Well done to the girls and to everyone who worked so hard to support them.

Our end of KS2 results reflect the hard work of our pupils and dedication of our staff and all who support our children. Reading continues as a notable strength of the school and our combined

Reading/Writing/Maths attainment remains well above county and national averages. The increasing number of children gaining Greater Depth in individual subjects is excellent news and we will continue to work on this so that more children achieve Greater Depth in all three of these assessment areas.

Year 6 had a fantastic trip to the Isle of Wight in May and recently put on an amazing performance of *Rock Bottom*. What talent! We wish them Godspeed as they move on to the next phase of their education.

Wraparound Care - Our thanks must also go to Tree Tops, our wraparound care provider. Tree Tops at St Wilfrid's opened last September and is now well established. We are grateful for the flexible and cooperative approach and look forward to continued partnership working.

Ongoing investment in the school buildings - Despite extremely tight financial constraints we have still been able to continue our programme of refurbishment in the school. The main and the small halls have been redecorated along with seven classrooms. The Early Years area is now fully updated with new toilet facilities to provide a separate unit. The Governing Body is extremely grateful to all the parents who have supported the Freshen Up days during which the corridors have been repainted and lots of landscaping and gardening tasks have been achieved. Thank you for your ongoing support in this area - it is making such a difference and the school grounds are looking so much better.

The Friends of St Wilfrid's - It is hard to overstate the contribution of the Friends of St Wilfrid's to our school. The Governing Body is incredibly grateful for the work that these amazing parents do to fundraise for the school and provide great experiences for the children and the wider community. The Christmas and Summer fairs, school discos, film nights, ice lolly sales and second hand uniform all contribute to the very significant sums of money that the Friends raise, and which are then reinvested in the school. This year the Friends have contributed to the new playground markings and have invested £8k towards updating the school's computer suite which will be fully re-decorated and operational by September. A BIG thank you to the Friends and all who have supported them - and please do continue to support the Friends as it makes such a difference to our school.

Going Green - We were delighted to be chosen for the West Sussex Solar Power for Schools programme. The solar panels are working well and reducing our energy costs, as well as reducing our carbon footprint. Single use plastics has been another area where we have been trying to reduce our impact. In terms of recycling, the parish churches have been very grateful for the huge numbers of milk bottle tops that have been collected in school to support Riding for the Disabled and the League of Friends at Hurstwood Park Neurological Centre. Please keep collecting the milk bottle tops - it does make a difference. The amazing Eco Warriors have been monitoring each class' (and Mr Hateley's!) electricity usage and tidiness. As well as providing friendly competition and fun, it's also focused minds on the environment and on each of us changing our habits.

The Governing Body - I am extremely grateful to our clerk and the Governing Body for all the work that they do to provide strategic leadership and accountability in the school. Governors are all volunteers who subject themselves to considerable scrutiny and give generously of their time to ensure that there is oversight and challenge. They come into school regularly for both meetings and monitoring visits, where they talk to children and staff to check that the data they see in meetings correlates with what they hear during their visits. The Governing Body was particularly pleased that Ofsted noted we strike the right balance between being supportive of leaders and providing appropriate challenge to continually improve the school.

Looking Forward – The Governing Body will continue to work closely with Mr Hateley to respond to Ofsted feedback and ensure that St Wilfrid’s continues “Growing Success, Rooted in Faith.” School leaders are always open to feedback and suggestions; we try to provide a mixture of formal and informal opportunities for feedback throughout the year. I know that many of you appreciate your conversations with members of staff before and after school. May I also invite you to take the opportunity to chat to anyone you see wearing a governor badge.

Finally, may I wish you all a very happy and restful summer and, for those of you with children in Year 6, a smooth and successful transition to secondary school.

With very best wishes

Jill Garraway

Chair of Governors

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