



**Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School**  
*'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'*

## Governors' End of Year Report - July 2018

Dear Members of Staff, Parents and Carers,

This year, Heene School has finally become what we have been calling ourselves since September 2015 - a Primary School, with classes from Reception to Year 6.

### Year 6

At our second governors' meeting in the Autumn term, Arwen Fuller (Head Girl) and Sam Elphick (Head Boy), delivered their candidate speeches and answered questions from us. We were very proud of them, as we are of all the trail-blazing pupils in Year 6 - and all the teachers who have enriched them over their years at Heene.



### Outside Space

It has been good to note further development of our outside space over the year - much of it thanks to whole-school involvement in fundraising, donations and the hard work of school staff and volunteers. The development of the reflection area and further planting around the school will continue next year following external work being carried out during the summer break.



### SIAMS

A key feature of the year has been the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools which took place in April, and the "Good" grade that we were awarded. Congratulations to all - but especially to Miss Russell and Miss Gould, our RE subject leads, who only took up the roles last September.

### Governors and School Leadership

The Governors have had six full meetings this year, as well as many committee meetings, plus we've had in-school training sessions on Raising the Achievement of Disadvantaged Children and on Identifying our Impact. Governors have undertaken individual training and, as ever, we've made a number of visits to the school to look into aspects of its running. Our work comes under the three headings of strategy, holding the Headteacher to account, and finance. Governors do NOT run the school - the day to day running of the school is in the capable hands of our Head and her team. This term we've said goodbye to Mrs Nisbet, our School Business Manager and member of the school's Senior Leadership Team, and we've welcomed Mrs Cann in her place.

### Some of our work as governors

Part of our function is ensuring clarity of vision and ethos. We have discussed at length what we consider to be the strengths of the school and agreed the following:-

- Caring ethos underpinned by distinctive Christian values
- Strong leadership with clear direction and good teamwork among staff
- A good understanding of our children with a commitment to see them thrive

We've also established a vision for our development over the next few years.

Over the next 3-5 years we will further develop the identity and reputation of Heene CE Primary School, by working to ensure that our children:

- achieve their academic potential;
- enjoy a varied, inspirational and challenging curriculum;
- develop a strong sense of respect for themselves and others;
- understand, reflect on and embody British values, with a secure knowledge of the Christian faith.

Our strategic priorities are to:

- ensure high expectations for all by monitoring learning and teaching and providing support and challenge;
- maximise resources and oversee the creative and effective use of them;
- develop and maintain strong links with the community and church.

Also, we have re-structured our committees bringing together the work of 3 committees (Staffing, Finance and Premises, Health and Safety) into one Resources Committee from next term. This should reduce the number of meetings and improve the overall effectiveness of the governing body.

Please see the school website for more information about the governing body:-

<http://www.heeneprimary.co.uk/website/test/31032>

You can contact any of the governors in writing via the school office or by emailing Mrs Hunt, Clerk to the Governors at [clerk@heeneprimary.co.uk](mailto:clerk@heeneprimary.co.uk)

Thank you to the Headteacher, staff and parents for your part in making Heene Primary School the happy and successful place that it is. We wish you all a relaxing and happy summer break.

Freda Wimble and Peter Parish  
Joint Chairs

On behalf of the Governors