



BURWELL VILLAGE COLLEGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that under Section 65 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 the Local Authority (LA) intends to use its powers to replace the Governing Body of Burwell village College Primary school with an Interim Education Board. This will take effect from the 1st August 2018 subject to approval from the Regional Schools Commissioner and following a ten working day consultation period from the 11th July.

The reasons the LA has taken this action are as follows:-

- The school was inspected by Ofsted on 15th March 2018 and judged to 'Require Improvement'. This means that urgent action needs to be taken to improve the school.
- Burwell Village College Primary was issued with a LA Warning Notice in May 2018. The Governing Body have not provided the LA with assurance that they will address the weaknesses identified in a timely manner.
- The Governing Body have not actioned all the improvement points identified in the Governance Review of April 2017.
- The governing Body is not yet holding the senior leadership team to account for improving the school.

The Governing Body of Burwell Village College Primary, whilst very disappointed that the local authority feels the need to take this action, recognises that the Interim Education Board (IEB) will be better able to support and challenge the school in making the changes required and see it as an opportunity to build upon the current strengths of the school.

The Governing Body believes that the school has the capacity to improve and this assertion is underpinned by both the Ofsted report, which stated that the leadership team has a determination to drive improvement, as well as the current data which demonstrates an improving trend over time.

We trust that the IEB will do everything to enable the staff to successfully raise standards and move the school forwards. The Governors want to ensure that the people involved in the process are well supported to make the changes. We would hope that adequate funding and training is given to meet the needs of the school and the pupils.

The staff, Governors and the Local Authority all share the same commitment to guarantee the school's future success. The current Governors are willing to support in any way possible and would welcome the opportunity to contribute during the process.

The IEB will be in place for a period of about one year or until the LA deem it has had the required success in raising standards. Before the IEB is disbanded a new Governing Body, appointed by the LA, will shadow the IEB for a period of at least six months.



Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Davyd Andrew'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'D' being particularly large and stylized.

Davyd Andrew
For and on behalf of the Governing Body
Burwell Village College Primary School