



High Peak Federation



Sunday 28th November, 2021

A message from the Governing Body

Dear parents, carers, grandparents and friends,

It has been a busy few months since our last letter before the summer break, during that time both schools have developed and launched a new curriculum. The focus is on helping children to lay down long term memory, so that their learning 'sticks'. As children move through the year groups, their knowledge and understanding in each subject is built up, layer upon layer, and they revisit concepts and ideas more frequently to make sure they remember. The Federation Governing Body is looking forward to seeing how children progress in response to this new curriculum, and we hope you see the difference when you chat with your child about their learning.

Throughout this, COVID 19 has made it hard for us and we continue to have had a number of positive cases. At Newtown it has been tricky, but manageable, as infection rates are lower. However, there have been serious outbreaks at Thornsett, with a significant proportion, at around 20% a week ago, testing positive. This has led to an increasing number of measures to try to stop it spreading further. Governors have been consulted on and support these measures as the best way to ensure that the least learning is lost, and for the benefit of our whole school community.

We are aware that these measures will have inconvenienced you and we appreciate all your efforts to support school; getting tested, and isolating when you have symptoms. Thank you so much for everything you have done and continue to do. Please continue to help us beat the outbreak by following the guidance we are given.

We would also like to thank the staff, who have continued to educate our children and are doing an excellent job in an extremely challenging environment.

Best wishes from Pamela Pearson and Sam Monteath

Co-chairs of Governors.