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GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER (1) Autumn 2 2019

Our new school year is well-established and we want to look forward to the coming year and share some of our key priorities with you. The governing board met in September and agreed that our priorities for 2019 /20 are to

- Enable all our children to achieve their full potential
- Continue to develop an exciting curriculum delivered by good and outstanding teachers and school leaders
- Ensure that we communicate effectively with our community (parents/carers, staff and children)
- Manage our budget effectively to get best value

Manda and her team do the most important part of this work. This is a big responsibility and so the role of Governors is to provide support and also challenge. We are also able to offer expertise in other areas such as HR, Financial Management, Legal & IT.

The Department for Education sets out the responsibilities of the Governing Board as

- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

We had the chance to talk to some of you last term about the school's Vision & Values statement. We will be setting up open meetings for parents and carers in the coming months as we progress our work around the school vision and values. We want children, parents and carers from across the school community to be involved in this process. Dates will be added to the School Calendar. (We have taken on board that you need sufficient warning of dates and flexible times so that you can fit school meetings around your family and work commitments.)

We will attend as many school events as we can - you may have met some governors at the parents' evenings before half term – and we are interested to hear your views.

We are planning to update you on the work of the Governing Board throughout the year. The website has been updated with our new committee structure and minutes of meetings will be available from the Spring term onwards.

If you want to get in touch with us in the meantime you can email us through governors@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming months.

Levin Wheller, Vice-Chair of Governors, Co-Chair of Children, Families & Community

Margaret Brightman, Chair of Governors