



HILLCROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Governors Annual Statement 2018/19 for Hillcross Primary School.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As Chair and on behalf of the Full Governing Body I am delighted to take this opportunity to share with you some reflections on our past year and our excitement as we embark on the new school year for 2019.

Since joining the Governing Body I have been immensely impressed with the whole school community's engagement and support to ensure the children have the very best opportunities throughout their education at Hillcross.

Working closely with all Governors, our Headteacher Senior Leadership Team and all school staff are all committed to developing our curriculum even further so that it is ambitious and dynamic across all areas of learning. Delivering excellent standards in teaching and learning continues to support improved pupil performance. This year our results show clear improvement in progress in all areas with attainment across year groups in line with and in most cases above national averages. This is a continued upward trend and we are really proud of our excellent results for 2018/19 as they reflect the exceptionally hard work of all the children and the staff.

The Governing Body membership includes the Headteacher and enjoys the support of the Senior Leadership team and all Hillcross staff. We have 3 committees tasked with supporting primary areas of Business (Finance), Standards Teaching & Learning, and Personnel. We work together to effectively deliver the children's education and support their wellbeing. Successful collaboration has helped us effectively manage the school's transition over the year from 3- to 2-form entry in the Reception year group and there are so many examples of the school supporting the local community and families. The success of The Copse breakfast and after school clubs is clearly one distinguished example, while Hillcross continues to provide a broad range of offerings, including various after school clubs, support for children's emotional well-being and family events we can enjoy together such as the theatre trip to see 'Aladdin'.

By proactively managing changes in the organisation of the school and monitoring closely our progress we are pleased to report that we delivered the 2018/9 school year within budget. Despite the considerable financial pressures that we are all acutely aware of these days I am also pleased to report that we have presented a balanced budget for the coming year.

The Governing Body and School Senior Leadership Team are always looking ahead, and have made it our ambition for 2019/20 and beyond to ensure we are 'Outstanding' across the whole School spectrum. As part of our focus on child-centred learning we have invited your continuing support to the Curriculum Enhancement Fund (formally known as The School Trust Fund). We know that our

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children are already accessing a high quality curriculum and excellent teaching and learning experiences in order to make the best possible progress. This is evidenced throughout the school year during our half termly governor visits and by the continued increase in our end of year statutory outcomes. Our vision is to boost the children's learning experiences in each area of learning even further. We aim to use the Curriculum Enhancement Fund and support from The Friends of Hillcross to achieve this. Working together we will make sure that the children at Hillcross get the same curriculum enhancement opportunities as those who attend other local primary schools.

Finally, I would like to refer to Hillcross Primary School's new Mission, Vision and Values. All governors including the Headteacher the Senior Leadership Team, School staff and children have spent time in the summer term reflecting on where we are now and where we would like to be in three to five years' time. We are rightly proud of our achievements at Hillcross and wanted to redefine who we are as a School and our impact and contribution in the community. I am excited about our strategic direction for the future with a definition of our Mission and Vision underpinned by the Values that the Hillcross community demonstrates daily. Over the coming weeks you will see this communicated and I welcome your engagement and support as we move forward in the coming year.

I hope that you will join the Governors in thanking Mrs Francis and the staff for their continuing hard work, putting the children's welfare and progress at the heart of all that they do. I would like to conclude by thanking you all, parents and carers, for the loyal and committed support that you give to Hillcross Primary School, and wish you all a successful year.

Stuart Sinclair

Chair of Hillcross Primary School Governing Body

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