

Walmley Infant School
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Dear Parent/Carer,

GOVERNING BODY WELCOME

1. Welcome

As a new academic year begins, we are thrilled to welcome our new pupils and to see our returning pupils embark on their next year of education.

I was pleased to meet some of our new Reception parents for their induction meeting in June, and talk about the role of the Governing Body (GB). As a reminder to all our community: together with the Head Teacher, the GB has overall responsibility for the running of the school. We ensure **high standards of achievement** for all children and young people in the school by:

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

To find out more about the Walmley Infant School Governing Body, you can visit us at: <https://www.walmleyinfantschool.co.uk/governance>.

2. Attendance and Support at Home

Every day at school counts. That is the message from the Department for Education, which has carried out research proving the direct [link](#) between attendance and attainment. The Education Secretary, Bridget Phillipson, [said](#) this week: "What we know is if children miss a day or two in the first couple of weeks of term, they're more likely to go on to be persistently absent." She continued: "That means they're more likely not to be going to school on a regular basis, and all the consequences that has for their life chances." Phillipson said parents had to pull together with schools and government to get their children "off to a good start".

Last year, we ended on a high with attendance at 96.1%, (3% higher than the national average). We kindly ask for your continued support through **active involvement in school life**: ensure your child's punctual attendance, participate in school activities, support home learning, and regularly log in to Tapestry to stay informed about your child's learning and other important updates from our team. We understand how crucial it is for you to be involved in your child's educational journey, and we are confident that, together, we can foster your child's development and success both during their time here and in the future.



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3. Code of Conduct

Please may I draw your attention to our [Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers, and Visitors](#).

At Walmley Infant School, kindness underpins everything we do. We teach children to use **kind hands, kind feet, kind words**, and we expect our staff to show kindness to pupils, colleagues, and you – our wider community. In return, we ask that all parents, carers, and visitors treat staff in the same respectful and supportive manner.

We would particularly like to highlight the use of WhatsApp and other social media. While class or parent groups can be a positive space for reminders and social events, we are aware that some discussions have caused distress. Parents have shared concerns about messages they feel are unkind, exclusionary, or even bullying. Some have chosen to leave groups altogether as a result.

Please remember that our staff are people too – they care deeply about your children and are committed to putting their best interests first every day. Hurtful or negative comments online can have a real impact. We ask that you think carefully before posting, and if you come across messages that you believe are unkind or inappropriate, please bring them to the school's attention.

Together, we can maintain the welcoming and supportive community that Walmley Infant School deserves.

4. Joining the Governing Body

Becoming a school governor is **a wonderful opportunity to help make a meaningful impact to our school and community**. As a governor, you'll gain valuable insights into our school's inner workings, becoming more familiar with its policies and operations. Additionally, serving as a governor enables you to contribute your expertise and ideas, influencing decisions that affect the school's direction and curriculum. We rely on volunteers to join the Governing Body in order to fulfil our statutory responsibilities. Without your support, we are unable to fully carry out these important duties.

Please look out for our next communication to find out more about how to join the Governing Body this term.

Thank you, and we look forward to another wonderful start to the school year

Best regards,

Victoria Davis, Chair of Governors

