



Dear Avanti Court Community,

Governing Body changes

I understand it has become customary for the Chair of Governors to write to you all before the end of the school year. As you might be aware I was only appointed to this role at the beginning of March; and what a fantastic experience it has been, building on very strong foundations and already seeing some very positive achievements. Sanjay Patel who was holding the role on an interim basis has returned to the Deputy Chair, and I would like to express my sincerest thanks to him for his commitment and stepping up and for ensuring I was brought up to speed as quickly as possible.

Also, this year Ashish Patel has taken over as Chair of our Finance, Premises & Personnel working group while Darpana Tank continues as Chair of our Curriculum & Standards working group. In addition, Shalini Gupta, Jyoti Gogna, Harpreet Sahota (staff member) and Shashi Dattani (associate member) have joined as Governors this year. We have regrettably had to accept the resignation due to increased work commitments of Shilen Shah who has made a sterling contribution since the inception of Avanti Court as well as Rakesh Shah and Shusma Makwana. I believe these changes in the Local Governing Body, set us up and give us the skills and experience to address the challenges and meet the needs of the school going forward.

Partnerships

Avanti's reputation is growing and staff have supported other schools within the London Borough of Redbridge as well as acting as moderators. Students from University of East London and University of Plymouth have visited us. We have also supported the University of Cambridge Primary School, where one of our former headteachers moved to.

Awards and inspections

- We achieved a Gold Award for RE and an 'Outstanding' grading in the Ofsted Section 48 Faith Inspection.
- We achieved national accreditation as a Recognised Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) school.
- There have been a number of inspections and moderations by the Borough and the Trust and all of which have been overwhelmingly positive.

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Looking forward

We anticipate that the reduction from a four form entry to three form entry will bring a new found stability to the school, giving the staff greater opportunity to have impact over sustained periods of time to all students.

We are expecting an imminent Ofsted inspection, with one of the main areas of focus for them likely to be attendance where we are not always as good as we could be. Attendance is regarded as being one of the key measurers of school performance due to teacher contact being so correlated to pupil development. We encourage you all to do your bit to ensure that attendance is as good as possible so that we can achieve the very best outcomes possible.

School budgets and funding are a challenge as always and are likely to become more so. We are already having to make difficult decisions. We have, however, received a very welcome grant from the Lottery to provide the new climbing structure with help of our associate member Dimple Pandya. Any further assistance that any of you might be able offer us in terms of funding including further grants would be very much appreciated. Please contact Yogesh Sharma in first instance.

Next year will be our first year with classes and students in every primary year group. The new year 6 will be sitting their Key Stage 2 SATs at the end of the year and our ambition is for them to put us on the map with an excellent set of results.

We have no further news regarding a potential Avanti Secondary school in Redbridge as the application process has been in abeyance since the General Election earlier this year. However, we are aware that the Trust are keen to pick this up again once the new criteria and process are issued.

Finally

We would like to thank pupils, staff, parents/guardians, volunteers, the Avanti Schools Trust, London Borough of Redbridge and other partners for all the input and support they give to the school.

Have a great summer break.

Yours faithfully

Cllr Dhruv Patel

For and on behalf of the Local Governing Body

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