

HPP Governors' Update: Autumn 2020

Welcome to Hampton Primary Partnership Governors' update

This term we have an update from the Chair of HPP Governors about this extraordinary term, we celebrate success for the school and discuss the benefits of operating our two schools in a partnership. Finally, towards the end of this term's update we have a reminder of the governors' role and how to contact us. Remember any day-to-day issues should be directed to the school in the normal way by emailing the school office.

Notes from the Chair – Sej Bhabra



As we near the end of the Autumn term I would like to thank all staff, governors, parents, and in particular, Ms Lockey, for showing tremendous resilience, commitment, and energy in keeping the schools functioning during such turbulent times. It has been a term like no other, with new challenges being faced every day! There have naturally been some very difficult moments, especially when having to close bubbles. It has been an inspiration to see the innovation with virtual open days and Christmas parties, the flexibility shown with constantly changing schedules and the determination to operate the schools as normally as possible. On occasion that has meant senior leaders standing in as catering staff!

Staying COVID Safe

I am very confident that the procedures and protocols that are in place across HPP are extremely thorough. On reflection, there is nothing that could have been done differently to prevent the recent positive cases. There is an extremely robust risk assessment policy in place, which has been reviewed by the entire HPP Governing Body. The risk assessment process comes from the local authorities and is carried out in conjunction with a local safety executive. From day one, we have followed the guidance from the Department for Education (DfE), which has been improved over time as we have all learnt to adapt.

In each case we have reported to Public Health England and completed the lengthy paperwork. The DfE are satisfied with the measures in place and we sincerely hope that there are no further outbreaks. We will continue to regularly review and monitor the guidance and the measures in place, to ensure that we continue to provide the care and education for our pupils in a safe environment. If we are forced to close the classes, we will ensure that the children are equipped with suitable home learning materials.

Please continue to follow COVID safe rules issued by the schools about social distancing, one-parent-only for the school run, face coverings and so on.

Goodbye Mr James!

You may know our head of school at HJS, Mr James, will be leaving us at the end of this term. He will be sorely missed – we know he has a huge personality and is well-liked and respected by staff, parents, pupils and governors alike. His dedication and expertise have been phenomenal, and he leaves behind a wonderful legacy. On behalf of the entire HPP Governing Board, we thank Mr James for everything that he has brought to the partnership and wish him all the best with his next adventure.

Hello Mr Tidd!

And with that, we are excited to welcome Mr Tidd! We look forward to having him build on the excellent foundation, and to bring new ideas and perspectives, bringing in best practices from his experience at his previous schools.

As we all look forward to the end of term, on behalf of the HPP Governing Body, I would like to wish everyone a restful, and safe break over the holiday period, and here's to a bright 2021!

HJS in the top 0.5%!

The recent Sunday Times Top 250 primary school survey placed Hampton Junior School in 91st or in the top 0.5% of UK primary schools. For those of you with good memories you will remember HJS was place 183rd, last year, or in the top 1%. We are delighted with this improvement, which is based on 2019 Key Stage 2 results.

This result is testament to the exceptional teaching at HJS and the foundation many pupils receive at HISN — we are incredibly proud of these results!

School Improvement

The result in the Sunday Times Top 250 provides evidence for the hard work put in to create and execute the HPP school development plans.

Our mission remains “To enhance the prospects of all children by providing an inspiring curriculum and engaging teaching across our partnership from Nursery to Year 6. Our children are challenged and supported to be the best they can be.”

You can find out more information about the School’s Development Plans by clicking on the links below:

[HJS Development Plan 2020-21](#)

[HISN Development Plan 2020-21](#)

The Partnership

This term we have seen even greater benefits from running HJS and HISN as a partnership. Our school business manager, Anita Clements, has focused on running the two schools under the partnership umbrella. By doing this we buy in services and other resources as a single body, while maintaining the individual school’s unique character. Ultimately, with school finances under greater pressure than ever, we can focus money and resources on supporting education that is tailored to the needs of children, in the different year groups across both schools. For example, we have been able to fund new and improved learning resources such as Google Classroom and new Chromebooks. We have also adapted the HISN building putting in new walls and doors for Year 2 and Reception to further improve the learning environment. We have introduced these improvements to the children’s education, while continuing to invest in the fundamentals.

The HPP School Governors

“We must promote the highest standards for all the pupils, help to set the overall aims and objectives and monitor the school’s progress towards achieving them.”

You can find out more about the work of the HPP Governors and how we provide strategic direction for the partnership by clicking the link below.

[More about HPP Governors & their roles](#)

The HPP Partnership Principles



Contacting HPP Governors

As governors we always welcome constructive feedback and enjoy discussing how we can make the schools even better. If you have any additional comments or questions that are not answered here, or by the linked online resources, you can contact the Governors of Hampton Primary Partnership via email to the Chair of Governors – governorchair@hampton-jun.richmond.sch.uk
