

## Redland Community Primary School

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To Parents and Carers

1 October 2020

On behalf of all Governors at Redland, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new parents and carers to the school, whilst extending the sentiment to all returning parents and carers after the unusual lengthy summer break. It is great to see children back in a learning and social environment which due to the initiatives and foresight of the staff, is as secure and comfortable as is possible, under the circumstances.

The huge task to open the school to all 297 pupils provided many challenges and much credit should go to the staff and pupils for displaying a wonderful attitude to overcome, and work within ever changing developments.

As I'm sure you are all aware Covid 19 does not appear to be diminishing in 2020. The requests for parents and pupils to display consideration for the new rules are being applied with great diligence at drop off, during the school day and upon collection. By adhering to these request the risks to both pupils and staff are reduced, enabling Redland to continue as a successful learning centre for all. Your actions are extremely valuable to the continued effectiveness of the school environment and are greatly appreciated.

Governors, local authority representative's, Friends of Redland School (FORS), and outside organisations do not have access to the school building which reduces further risk and provides maximum opportunity for the school to remain functioning whilst the virus is still in the incandescence. However, the work of the governing body continues via many online virtual meetings, as the need to provide clear direction and understanding to the learning and development of all children is as important as ever.

We wish that every child has a level platform within Redland School to enable them to attain, develop and thrive in a happy learning environment. The opportunity to develop a child's ability across a wide spectrum of areas, whether academically, creatively or physically has always been part of the schools ethos.

Redland School continues to have a need for new Governors to assist with the oversight, support and monitoring of the many academic, strategic and financial processes. School Governors are from a vast array of backgrounds and contribute to the direction of a successful educational environment.

The existing school community may be experiencing difficulties within the current restrictions, although FORS continue to be creative in their pursuit of providing healthy financial support. The function of FORS is also a great opportunity for new parents and carers to be involved with the support and communal feel of the school.

Should you be keen to offer your talents to success of the school in either Governance or FORS, please contact Lisa Pullin - [lxp@redland.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:lxp@redland.wilts.sch.uk) who is both Clerk to the Governing body and Chair of FORS.

I wish you all the very best for the new academic year.

Gerard Hilderly, Chair of Governors