

HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL,

Eagans Close, East Finchley, N2 8GA



GOVERNOR SURGERY NOTES

15th February 2019

Governor Attendee: Hannah Forster

9 parents attended the meeting, held in the after-school club at 9am.

The meeting was opened with positive feedback from a parent about the amount of activities that were going on in school at the moment and how many opportunities there were to do different things.

Main items discussed:

- 1) A parent asked a general question about school finances.

The governor fed back the time lines for next year's budget, commented on the challenging funding environment for all schools and raised the point that parents could write a letter to MP Mike Freer if they were concerned about education funding. A parent said that a template would be helpful as they didn't know what to write.

RESPONSE: A template can be found on the school website. From the homepage, use the 'Parents' dropdown and select 'Letters'.

- 2) A parent raised a query around the prior year SATS results; specifically, the progress results for 'pupils achieving at a higher standard in reading, writing and mathematics'; and the writing progress score.

RESPONSE: Parents can find out more about 2018 SATs results on the school website which provides excellent infographics on key SATS scores. From the home page, click on the button for 2018 SATS results.

- 3) A parent raised a general point about SATS results in the borough's listing. They would like to understand the results over time more generally and would like to understand general progress from Y2 to Y6.

RESPONSE: Year on year, there are differences in class performance as there are different kinds of children in each class. At Holy Trinity we celebrate the diversity of our children and reward each, according to their strengths. Some children are good

at maths, others at English, others at netball. Unfortunately, the focus on SATs results and the affiliated tables makes it impossible to celebrate the successes of each individual child. We had a number of children last year who were not able to take the SATs test. As a one form entry school, each child equals 3.3% of the result. Therefore, if 3 children do not sit the tests, then our results are automatically 90%, even if every child who sits the test passes.

Additionally, please note that the ranking system online is filtered. Holy Trinity is at different rankings depending on which filter you choose.

- 4) Several parents expressed interest in being taken through the SATS results e.g. at the beginning of Y5. They would like to hear about the types of initiatives which might be undertaken with different groups of students e.g. they had heard about breakfast club for one cohort.

RESPONSE: Individual assessments will be made for each child when they enter year 6. The year 6 teacher will explain to the parents what additional support, if necessary, their child will need. There are regular meetings with the teacher and parents in year 6, to explain the SATs process and what support the school can provide, once your child reaches year 6.

- 5) Parents raised a point about generally wanting to know more about what was going on in schools particularly during different year groups. Could the current (new) termly updates for each year group be collated to provide an overview for future years and placed on website for access?

ACTION: The curriculum maps and termly newsletters are on the website under the 'curriculum tab'.