



Hazlehurst Community Primary School

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School Development Plan 2017

Dear Parent,

At this stage in the school year the governors and staff work together to produce a new **School Development Plan**. This plan is a description of our best ideas for improving the school, organised into priority areas for the next one to three years. The plan coincides with the school's financial year (April 2017 to March 2018) and helps us make the best use of the funds that are available.



Last year's improvements included: -

- Achieving some of our highest ever results in Reading, English Grammar and Maths at the end of the last school year,
- Maintaining high standards in the Arts, including lots of performance opportunities for our school band and school choir,
- Improving the children's opportunities to use IT to support learning, by investing in extra ipads for use throughout the school, and by creating additional online learning opportunities. Our children now have access to My Maths, Discovery Education and Purple Mash to provide a wide range of educational experiences.
- Offering a wide range of after-school clubs, including sports clubs and teams, music, arts & crafts; with opportunities for all age groups to get involved at some stage during the year.
- Achieving a 'Good' grade in the Hazles Ofsted Inspection

I would like to thank the governors, staff, pupils and Friends' Association for all their efforts and achievements during the past year, and parents for all their support and encouragement.

In response to feedback from parents last year, we revised our homework policy to clarify what the expectations were for each year group and to share ideas about the benefits of working in partnership between home and school. The policy is published on the school website. It is not easy to please everyone with regard to homework – some parents would like more and some pupils would like less! Some prefer open-ended research projects, whereas others prefer short exercises to reinforce skills taught in class. We have tried to include something for everyone, so it will be interesting to measure the feedback from parents and compare it with last year.

We would now like to consult with you about any issues that *you*, as parents, think are important for the future of the school. The pupils will have their own separate survey, which will be carried out in school. Your views will help us to set our priorities for the year ahead.

Please complete the attached questionnaire and return it by Monday 13 March.

Completed questionnaires will be entered in a free draw for a children's prize.

Yours sincerely,

M Golding

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Headteacher

