

HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT 2021-22

Membership

Hillingdon Primary School Community Council was established in March of this academic year and we are delighted to have welcomed councillors from the parent body and staff. Three of our previous Local Governing Body members transitioned to the new role to continue to support the school:

- Mr Raj Jhuti Community Group elected Chair of the Community Council in March 2022;
- Mrs Hongdan Han Parent; and
- Mr Rahim Kassam Parent.

Following successful elections this academic year we have recruited three new members to the team:

- Ms Laura Mitchell Staff;
- Ms Tish Reel Parent; and
- Mrs Anu Taylor Staff.

Our members also include the Principal, Mrs Ann Bowen-Breslin. Please visit our Community Council page on the school website for a short introduction to each of our members.

Whilst a relatively new team, our Community Council is starting from a strong foundation: our members that have transitioned from our Local Governing Body bring a wealth of governance experience and school knowledge, and our new members bring with them a wide range of skills and expertise that can only make the team stronger as we move into the next academic year.

Meetings and Focus

Over this year we have held two formal meetings which included visits into school to develop our understanding of various aspects of school life.

Our first meeting in March provided an opportunity for members to re-establish themselves as part of the school community and observe the fantastic changes that have taken place in school, both in terms of curriculum development and adaptations to the school premises to accommodate the necessary changes to keep our pupils and staff safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Councillors visited classrooms to observe a foreign language lesson in action and were impressed to see pupils performing a short sketch in German. It was also interesting to see how some of the routines established during online learning were continuing to be used at the start of lessons to evaluate how pupils felt about the upcoming learning.

At the start of our second meeting in July councillors enjoyed meeting with a small group of our Year 6 pupils who will soon be leaving the school. The meeting was a real highlight: pupils spoke eloquently and confidently about their time at the school, their successes and achievements, and provided councillors



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with a fantastic insight into what it is like to be a Hillingdon Primary student. Their feedback will help to inform discussions and decisions that we make in the future.

The meetings and visits this academic year have provided councillors with a holistic overview of the whole school that will prove invaluable as we embark on our first full year as a Community Council.

Looking Forward

Next year, as we become more established, we are looking forward to looking in more depth at the impact the school's curriculum development work has had on pupil achievement and wellbeing and reviewing the impact of planned improvements to the Early Years Foundation Stage outdoor provision.

We will also be establishing a body of student representatives to contribute to our meetings: further information about how students can nominate themselves to represent their peers will be provided in the autumn term.

We are still looking for councillors to join us from the local community: if you are a member of our community and think that you know someone who may be well suited to support us, then please do contact Louise Daniel, Governance and Policy Officer, at <u>clerk@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk</u>.

Wishing you a wonderful summer holiday.

Hillingdon Primary School Community Council