



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your children have had a good term at Drayton Green. It seems to have gone very quickly. There have been some challenges regarding illness and some premises issues but as always, the staff have reacted magnificently and ensured that the children's learning has not been affected.

There will many activities before we break for the holidays; I hope you will be able to share in some of them with your children.

Most of you will remember that during lockdown governors set up some up some age-related consultation groups. These were much appreciated by the parents who attended, and by the governors, and we carried them on until the end of last year.

There have been requests from parents that we start these again. I am delighted about this and propose that they start again in the New Year.

For those who are new to the school, we have three groups: Early Years (Reception, Years 1 and 2); Years 3 and 4; and Years 5 and 6. We started with the class reps, but this is not essential so long as the parents who attend are prepared to consult with and feedback to the parents in their year groups. Having two or three parents at the meeting seems to work well. At least one governor will attend and sometimes someone from the School.

You can raise any topics that you wish so long as they are not about individual children or teachers. Occasionally, we will canvas parents' opinions on issues. Meetings are held virtually, during the day at a mutually convenient time. If governors can respond to the issues, they will do so at the meeting, if not, they will get back to you as soon as possible afterwards.

I know that not all classes have parent reps which is a pity as Mrs Doherty and I would like to meet with them at regular intervals during the school year. This has proved to be very beneficial in the past.

If you would like to be involved with a consultation group and want to know more about them, please email me on cgovdgps@gmail.com. I am happy to phone you if you include a number. Alternatively, have a chat with our two parent governors: Ilaria Gastaud and Patricia Lajtai who are familiar with how the groups work and the sort of issues that are raised.

During next week the governors will be visiting the school to see some of the exciting learning that we have heard about in governors' meeting. We are all looking forward to these days.

I hope that the rest of the term goes well, and you all have good break with your families.

Very best wishes

Marion Hardy

Chair of Governors

