Ickleford Primary School

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A warm welcome and introduction to your Governing Board

Dear Reception Parents/ Carers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your child as you begin this new and exciting journey with us at Ickleford Primary School – I hope these first few weeks have gone smoothly. My name is Miles Maxwell, and I have the privilege of serving as the Chair of Governors. In addition to introducing myself and colleagues, I would like to explain a little about the role of the Governing Board and how we support the school in delivering a high-quality education for our pupils.

Introduction to the Governing Board

As Chair of Governors, I lead a dedicated team of volunteers who work closely with the Headteacher and staff to uphold and develop the school's vision, ethos, and strategic direction. Our Governing Board represents a broad cross-section including parents, staff members, and representatives of St Katharine's Church and the local community. We are united by a shared commitment to ensuring that every child receives the very best education in a safe, nurturing, and inspiring environment.

We are not involved in the day-to-day running of the school, which is managed by Mrs Wright and her team, but we do ensure that standards are upheld, resources are allocated wisely, and that policies support the wellbeing and achievement of every pupil. We regularly meet to review progress, listen to feedback from families and staff, and plan for the future so our school continues to thrive.

You can find more information on us as individuals and our roles and responsibilities on the Governance section of the school website.

Welcoming you and your child

Starting Reception is a significant milestone for your child and for your family. We understand that for many parents and carers, this is a time of change and perhaps a little apprehension. Entrusting your child to a new environment is a big step, and we want to assure you that our school is warm, welcoming, and dedicated to making this a positive experience for every child and their family. Our staff are highly trained, caring, and focused on supporting your child's transition to school life, helping them to settle in, make friends, and develop a lifelong love of learning. I'm sure you will already have encountered this in the first few weeks of term.

Our Vision and Values

In Reception, your child will have opportunities to explore, play, investigate, and create, guided by a curriculum that is both rich in content and tailored to individual needs. We place great emphasis on developing not only academic skills but also emotional intelligence, self-confidence, and the ability to work collaboratively with others; a genuine ‘all-round’ education.

Partnership with Parents

Parents and carers are a child’s first and most important educators, and your involvement in your child’s learning journey is invaluable. Along with the school staff, governors are committed to open and honest communication with families. If you would like to discuss with us any governance-related matters, our contact details are on the website.

In conclusion

As your child begins their journey in Reception, we look forward to getting to know you and your family. As a Governing Board, we are committed to ensuring that your child’s experience here is happy, safe, and successful.

We hope you feel welcomed and supported, and that together we will help every child to flourish.

Once again, welcome to our school. We wish you and your child a wonderful year in Reception and a rewarding journey ahead.

Best wishes,

Miles Maxwell
Chair of Governors, Ickleford Primary School