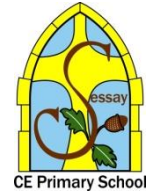




## A note from the Governors



The end of another academic year and what a strange and challenging year it has been!

In January 2020 the Governors were delighted that Sessay was judged 'Good' by Ofsted when they inspected the school. Governors were pleased that the Inspectors recognised the hard work put in by the Executive Headteacher and staff. Making the comment "Expectations have been raised since the Executive Headteacher took up post. Work to strengthen the curriculum has already had a significant impact." Governors were part of the inspection and attended the feedback session.

Throughout the year Governors have attended Full Governing Board meetings as well as School Improvement Committee and Resources meetings. We receive an agenda and relevant documents before each meeting, enabling us to read and familiarize ourselves with current issues. We can then question and hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the schools. An action plan is formulated after each meeting.

The co-chairs and Headteacher have regular Rapid Improvement Group (RIG) meetings to examine the Federation Improvement Plan. Staff welfare is an agenda item, including that of the Headteacher.

Since March all of our FGB and committee meetings have taken place on zoom. It has worked well enabling us to maintain our regular contact. Our RIG meetings have either been on zoom or by telephone – all very successful.

Throughout these challenging times the Executive Headteacher has kept the co-chairs fully up to date with implementations put in place in the schools to comply with Government guidelines for Covid-19. We have discussed and supported her actions for a return of all pupils on a part time basis over the last half term and for full return to school in September.

Finally, we would like to thank all the parents and carers for supporting the school during these challenging times and to all who have volunteered their time including FOSS/FOHS teams for their continual fundraising efforts, it is greatly appreciated.