



NANSTALLON SCHOOL



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Dear Parent and Carers

### **Chair of Governor's Newsletter**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Chair of governors, having recently taken over at Nanstallon School. I hope to bring my experience as a retired teacher and governor to the team and look forward to helping the school to achieve its targets as we move into the new academic year.

As we come to the end of this most unique and challenging year, I think it is fitting that we reflect on the monumental effort that has been put into ensuring that every child has had the opportunity, throughout lockdown, to continue their learning in these uncharted times. I know how difficult it has been for adults to suddenly become teachers trying to find various ways of stimulating children when being told, "I don't want to do that" and find your patience tested, sometimes, to the limit! You should all feel proud of your efforts and perhaps more than a little grateful that normal school life will (hopefully) resume in September.

I think we have all been delighted at the resilience shown by the children to continue to want to learn, and their tenacity to do so in a totally different way. They have shown they have flexibility in the way they have adapted to their lessons and found new ways to share their learning. As governors, we have been told how resolute most children have been in their attitude to learning, throughout lockdown, and we hope this will positively impact the degree of catching up that will need to be carried out next term.

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Lastly, on behalf of the whole governing board I would like to give our wholehearted thanks to the entire staff. I know how much discussion, and communication has gone on within the staff to ensure planning of lesson content, planning around the safety of the physical environment and planning of how we can safely get children and staff back into school is the best it can be, and how many changes they have had to incorporate as the weeks went by. The quality of the lessons provided by their teachers has been commendable and we would like to thank them for all their efforts throughout this period.

As you know, we are likely to have an Ofsted monitoring visit in the autumn term and possibly an inspection later in the year and I am sure many of you would want the good work and improvements to be recognised. By completing the Parent View section on the website (under heading Key Information-performance data) you have the opportunity to tell Ofsted how much you think the school has changed and how staff have encouraged and supported the home learning of children since schools closed in March.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Ben Stephenson. He has worked tirelessly throughout the lockdown ensuring communication, to all, was top of his list but has also found solutions to the many challenges raised from government, Cornwall council, parents, staff and governors.

I hope we can all enjoy the coming holiday and look forward to the normality of school in September.

Yours sincerely

*Sheena Morton*

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