

Churchside Federation

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Update from the Local Governing Body

The Governors act as critical friends to the Executive Head and the Staff in the running of The Churchside Federation. Our primary focus is the children. The Governors strive to ensure the provision of a safe environment for the children to learn in and be exposed to a full, challenging and fun curriculum. This has become even more important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the COVID-19 restrictions, we have been able to hold full Local Governing Body meetings, Standards & Curriculum and the Resources sub-committees online, and through the Executive Head ensure that all the children have had the best educational opportunities possible.

The COVID-19 pandemic has proven to us what a strong team The Churchside Federation has in Mrs Godbold as the Executive Head and all the Staff at both Gooderstone and Mundford Primary schools. Our heart-felt thanks go to all of them for all their hard work and positivity. They have been outstanding. During the first lockdown The Churchside Federation proved its ability to adapt to the situation and provided not only a very high standard of online tuition for the children, but also delivering Free School meals and even Bedtime stories for the young ones.

During this Autumn term Mrs Godbold has stated that all the children have been simply fantastic in adapting to their respective bubbles. The contingency planning for COVID-19 was enacted recently at Mundford with one bubble and a certain number of Staff having to isolate for 14 days. Thankfully all affected soon recovered and returned to school. Again our thanks go to Mrs Godbold and the Staff at Mundford for their flexibility in dealing with this situation; thanks also go to the children for taking it all in their stride and to the parents for staying calm and showing solid support for the School. If we have to carry out these actions again, then we know with confidence that The Churchside Federation is fully prepared to deal with it.

The Local Governing Body are here primarily to support the children. If you have any concerns regarding The Churchside Federation, then you should always approach Mrs Godbold in the first instance. If you need to consult further with the Local Governing Body, then please contact us via the respective School Office. We have recently had two additional Governors join us (a Parent Governor for Mundford and a DNEAT Appointed Governor) and I am pleased to say that the Local Governing Body is fully constituted.

We wish you all the very best for Christmas and the forthcoming New Year.

David Smith

Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Local Governing Body.