



## Communication to Parents – Autumn Term 2023/24

### Spotlight on Strategic Governance at Stathern Primary School

Every September the governance team at Stathern Primary School spend time reflecting on all that has happened in the previous academic year and evaluating the difference that our work makes to the strategic direction of the school. You can read our Impact Statement on the school website here. (Team – please see note below...)

It is then a privilege to work with the staff team to look at the future direction of the school. We look at our Strategic Plan and where we are aiming for the school to be in 3 years time. This serves two purposes; 1) for staff and governors to ensure that the vision and values of the school are cemented into our planning and measures of success 2) to ensure the best outcomes for the children and whole school community. A summary page from the strategic plan is here for your attention.

#### Parent and Pupil Page – Strategic Planning at Stathern Primary School

Quality of Education. Curriculum and standards	Personal development.	Leadership and Management	Staff Development	Parents and Community Links	Premises and Accommodation
 <p>We will create a motivating curriculum that inspires all children to discover a lifelong love of learning.</p> <p>We will nurture their personal and individual achievements.</p> <p>We will be an Outstanding school.</p>	 <p>We will embed an inspirational curriculum that promotes self-belief through strong character development and resilience.</p> <p>We will empower children to value their relationship with mental and physical wellbeing.</p> <p>We will demonstrate our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion in ALL that we do.</p>	 <p>We will inspire our teachers to design and create an outstanding curriculum.</p> <p>We will ensure that governance work aligns with and benefits the whole staff team.</p> <p>We will discover leadership collaborations both locally and nationally.</p> <p>We will be leaders and respected by other schools, sharing great practice and process.</p>	 <p>We will nurture and value all staff for them to create improved outcomes for children and themselves.</p> <p>We will discover and create opportunities to develop staff wellbeing.</p> <p>We will recognise the skills and interests of all staff to develop our school and to inspire others.</p>	 <p>We will ensure that parents feel fully engaged with and confident in the school.</p> <p>We will create links with village, local, national and global groups and organisations.</p> <p>We will inspire all our school community to make a positive difference.</p>	 <p>We will create capacity as the school grows for better break-out space.</p> <p>We will improve the décor to inspire creativity and nurture wellbeing.</p> <p>We will work with Vale schools to share skills and resources.</p> <p>We will create opportunities for our children to experience different environments.</p>

So – what is on our radar for this year that we would like you to know about?

- Co-Chair – we now have two chairs of governors – Rebecca Hill and Clare Allen. We have equal responsibility and you may contact either of us, anytime, on the new email address which is [chair@stathern.leics.sch.uk](mailto:chair@stathern.leics.sch.uk)
- Ofsted – we know that our inspection will happen any day now. We are so ready to showcase all that is great about our school and to embrace external perspective on what we identify as our areas for improvement. We know that we are a **Good** school with many **Outstanding** features.
- Academy status – we remain a Local Authority maintained school but we are constantly evaluating this with regards to any risk that the school faces as funding changes from the Department for Education for our county council. As the services that LCC provide start to diminish, we are always considering the impact that this may have upon our staff team and therefore outcomes for our children. We will, of course, keep you posted.
- Curriculum and our fantastic children – the governors will soon be embarking on visiting the school to carry out monitoring visits of the school curriculum. This is a super opportunity for us to see what is going on and to work alongside the teachers to review curriculum development at the school. Karen and the team have external health-checks and the reports are shared with governors, but it is always beneficial for us to gain first-hand information from our awesome teachers so that we can govern the school more effectively.
- Parent Governor Vacancies – we will soon be advertising for a new parent governor and several people have already expressed an interest – thank you. If you would like to know more we would encourage you to get in touch with one of us or the school office.
- Equality Diversity and Inclusion – how we are best preparing Stathern pupils for life in a diverse, global multi-faith, society by teaching British Values and promoting protected characteristics through Everyone Welcome

As always, if you have any questions on any of the above, please do not hesitate to be in touch either on the new [chair@stathern](mailto:chair@stathern) email address or via the school office.

With best wishes  
Clare Allen and Becky Hill