Dear Parent,

The Governance Statement is presented annually to help our Stakeholders understand how the Governing Board has fulfilled its responsibilities to the school. It is a review of the work and impact of the Governing Board for the academic year 2017/18.

**Annual Governance Statement for the Governing Board of Hollinhey Primary School 2017/18**

In accordance with the Government’s requirement for all governing boards, the 3 core strategic functions of Hollinhey’s School Governing Board are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
2. Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

**Governance arrangements**

This year, following the resignation of our Chair Mrs Kristina Naidoo, Mrs Rebecca Salt was voted in as Chair of Governors and Mrs Suzy Broadrick as Vice Chair. Mr Andrew Savages’ term as Parent Governor came to an end he applied for and was successful in becoming our Local Authority Governor. Mrs Suzy Broadricks’ term of office came to an end and was re-elected as a Parent Governor for another term.

The Board continue to meet in two different main committees: the Resources Committee (incorporating Finance, Personnel, Premises and Health and Safety) and the Teaching and Learning Committee (incorporating Achievements and standards, Quality of learning and Safe guarding and SEND) as well as the Full Governing Board meetings and other sub committees such as our new On-Line Safety Group. These committees have met regularly throughout the year to deal with the running of the school. The Senior Leadership Committee has also met on several occasions to discuss the options regarding becoming an Academy.

These meetings are always well attended and figures are published on our web page on the web site.

The Governing Board has been extremely busy again this year working closely with Mrs Clough to help review school Policies, manage our budget and most importantly focus on the education of the children at Hollinhey.

This year’s Key Improvement Priorities have been:-

* 1-To improve Attainment and progress for all learners.
* 2- To promote an emotionally healthy school.
* 3-To strengthen professional links with other schools.

To ensure these priorities are being followed the Governors have been into school on various occasions to monitor Forest schools, Mindfulness and one to one sessions with subject link governors and subject leaders. We had a Governor open morning to observe lessons in all years, talk to the children and watched our “Fit for 15” lunch time session in action.

The most significant decision the Governing Board has made was to recommend joining the Aspirer Educational Trust. This process has taken many months and was made after consideration that it was the best outcome for the pupils, stakeholders and staff at Hollinhey. The due diligence process is well under way and providing nothing untoward occurs we plan to convert some time during the Autumn 2018 term.

We have also recruited our new Year 3 teacher, Ms Rebecca Marshall Clarke, and wish her well when she starts in September.

The school has developed the running track to support the fit for 15 initiative and the new outdoor library-Toadstool Dell-opened in the summer term.

In 2018/19, as we join the Aspirer Educational Trust, we will continue to work with Mrs Clough and all the staff to further develop the educational provision at Hollinhey and support and challenge the children to enable them to achieve a strong and resilient approach to learning.

We always welcome suggestions; feedback and ideas from parents-please contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Rebecca Salt, via email at Chair@hollinhey.cheshire.sch.uk. You can see the full list of governors, their attendance at meetings and their roles on the Governors page of the school website .If you feel you have some time and any specific skill or knowledge which you feel could support the Governing Board please make contact as we can have any number of Associate Governors who can provide specific support to the full Governing Board.