



Little Heaton C E Primary School

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Friday 21st July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support since my arrival as Headteacher at Little Heaton in January this year. In this time, we have made some great strides in moving towards a future where "All things are possible for those who believe". The recent kind and generous donations from parents and carers have been invested in our fabulous school library which was recently opened by the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochdale.



Please continue to vote for us if you are shopping at Tesco this July, to support our campaign to purchase a book vending machine in school.

In January, I asked parents to complete an online survey to let me know what needed to improve at Little Heaton. Behaviour and communication were the two main strands that came out of this survey. Since then, we have worked tirelessly to improve pupil behaviour with our new behaviour policy and the introduction of our *Little Heaton Hero Award*. I am proud to say that the behaviour of the vast majority of our pupils is respectful, and they treat each other with love and kindness. It was wonderful to see this acknowledged in our **Good SIAMS** report



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June 2023: *Expectations are now high and consistent. Compassion, forgiveness and reconciliation are becoming the norm and unite all members of the school community as a loving family.*

We have worked to improve our communication too, although I know at times it could be even better. Teachers are present to greet children at the door as they arrive in school each morning, and half termly newsletters are sent home by each class teacher. We endeavour to get all information out to you in a timely fashion, including a list of significant diary dates for each half term. If you have a concern, a member of SLT will always try to respond to you as soon as possible. We really appreciate feedback from parents and carers, and would ask that you contact school in the first instance if there is something you would like us to investigate.

Thinking about next academic year, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the Department for Education has agreed that Little Heaton CE Primary School will join **The Cranmer Education Trust**.

The Cranmer Education Trust is a Church of England trust which includes both primary and secondary schools across Oldham and Rochdale.

Schools who are currently part of the trust are:

- St Anne's CE Academy, Middleton
- The Blue Coat School, Oldham
- East Crompton St George's CE Primary School, Oldham
- Mayfield Primary School, Oldham
- The Brian Clarke CE Academy, Oldham

St John's Thornham will also be joining the trust at roughly the same time as Little Heaton.

There is a lot to do before this can happen, and there will be a full consultation during the Autumn. When we come back after the summer holidays, I will put out some FAQs on our website which will provide more information.

The governors and I are pleased that the question of which trust our school will join has been resolved and we can get on together with the improvement of the provision for all our children.

I hope you have a restful summer break, and I look forward to welcoming the children back in their full school uniform (including black school shoes) on Wednesday 6th September at 8.50am.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Siân Hamer
Headteacher



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