

Homefield Primary School is one year old....

a message for the Chair of Governors

As we come to the end of the first academic year of Homefield Primary School and SSC, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect and recognise the progress that has been made and to record my thanks to all involved.

When two successful schools are amalgamated there is a natural expectation that the success of the past will simply translate into success in the future. But let me tell you that this is by no means a given and requires a great amount of dedication and commitment. So, I want to start by putting on record the thanks of the Governing Board to Mrs South, the leadership team and everyone at the school who have tirelessly strived to provide an excellent outcome for all the children and their families. I also acknowledge that Mrs South and her team can only achieve what they do with the support of their own partners, families, friends and loved ones so by extension I want to thank them as well and hope that all concerned have a relaxing summer break.

As a Governing Board we also see and hear of the support given by the wider school community of parents, carers and friends to the school. We know that people's lives are busy and choosing to give some of that time to the support your school is fantastic. I want to particularly call out the Friends of Homefield PTA for their work. However, it is not just about giving up time but engaging with the school in a positive and kind way also helps the school move forward – a simple hello and a smile when dropping off or picking up really does go a long way so thank you all for that as well.

With the formation of the new school at the beginning of September and the various legal steps that had to be taken, the Governing Board was not established until mid-October and much has been done since then to establish robust oversight and support for the school. I thanked the Governors at our final meeting of the year last week but no harm in saying it again here!

A year of true progress and successes. The journey to the fully envisioned Homefield Primary School and SSC based on a single site on Chesswood Road has started very well. There will be challenges along the way but for now let's reflect and be proud of what we have achieved this year.

Of course, the end of a school year means saying goodbye to some of our colleagues and to our year 6 pupils so let me finish by wishing them all well in their next chapters.

Mike Carpenter

Chair of Governors