

The Full Governing Board at Park Lane School is made up of a group of volunteers of parents, staff and members of the Community.

2019 / 20 has been an unprecedented year in so many ways, not just for the School but also for the whole world as we have been overtaken by the Covid-19 pandemic. Firstly, we must thank Lorraine personally for her commitment to the School as she worked tirelessly and continually from March onwards to keep the School safe and open and always having the wellbeing of the pupils and staff at the forefront of her work. She couldn't have done this without the support of the Senior Leadership Team (Emma Shaw, Andree Barnard, Katy Wadsworth and Lis Fleming) and also the co-operation and support of all the staff. Thank you all, you have been amazing! We also bucked the trend for children with EHCPs attending schools during the pandemic with 50% of our pupils attending as opposed to the national average of 17%.

We are currently working with Cheshire East to increase the size of Park Lane School and at the time of writing this, we currently have 90 pupils on roll. Building works, we hope, will start soon on the building formerly known as "The Willows" adjacent to the School to provide bespoke accommodation for the increasing numbers and also to allow our 6th Form and Treacle Class to relocate back onto the Park Lane campus. The new building will allow us to open up more opportunities to our pupils including a bespoke Food Technology laboratory and also a suite to encourage independent living as well as being fully adapted to meet our pupils' needs.

In February, we had a very long overdue Ofsted inspection under the new framework. Its outcome was extremely disappointing to the School with the quality of education being awarded "requires improvement". We are currently working with Lorraine, her team and Cheshire East to resolve this and to gain the "Outstanding" recognition we aspire to. To see the full Ofsted report, please click [here](#).

The financial challenges we faced previously have been eased with a small increase in per capita and with the small increase in numbers, we are hoping to be able to continue to provide a positive budget to run the school for 2020/21.

Whilst governors, parents and visitors are not able to go into School, it is good to see the pupil's progress and a valuable record of the work the School does through social media and the pleasure the children get from learning within Park Lane.

Whilst we haven't been able to continue our Parent Governor Coffee Mornings due to the current restrictions in place, please feel free to contact myself directly via [email](#) to discuss anything that you feel needs to be brought to the Governors' attention.

Wishing all our pupils, staff and parents all the best

Stay safe!

Tandy Palmes
Chair of Governors

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