

Burwell Village College Primary School The Causeway Burwell Cambridgeshire CB25 0DU

Headteacher: Mr Antony Kern

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to welcome you to the school at the beginning of this academic year. We recognise the importance of building strong and supportive partnerships between home and school and how this greatly benefits all our children at Burwell.

Governors appreciate the warm welcome we receive when visiting the school in order to fulfil our statutory responsibilities. In addition to our six formal meetings, over the past year governors have undertaken a broad range of focussed and informal visits to the school. We also held our annual Governor Strategic Day in June, which provided us with a valuable opportunity to meet and gain feedback about the school from both staff and the children.

Governors consider the school has achieved much over the past year through its strong curriculum, staff curriculum knowledge and the mutual support and teamwork that has been developed at Burwell. It has been particularly pleasing to see the improvement in pupils across the school achieving Greater Depth in maths, a school priority for the year 2024-2025. Another notable success has been the phonics Yr 1 outcomes, at 98% pass rate an amazing achievement this summer. Furthermore, the development of pupil responsibilities across the school has been highly effective, pupil feedback in regard to this has been overwhelmingly positive. Governors have also appreciated the wealth of extra-curricular and enrichment activities that the school has provided for our pupils across the year.

We would like to thank Ms Mansfield and Mr Mayes for the highly professional way in which they undertook the leadership and management of the school while Mr Kern provided support for another school during the summer term.

Governors believe that the school is in a strong position moving forward next year. Clear priority areas for improvement have been identified and plans are in place for how these can be achieved. In a time of challenging financial restraints, the school remains on a stable financial footing at present.

There are currently no vacancies on the Governing Body and our recent skills audit identified that the Governing Body has a good range of skills that will enable us to fulfil our collective responsibilities effectively in 2025-2026.

Governors would like to thank you for your continued support of the school and look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Best wishes

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