



May 2019 Message from the Chair of the Interim Academy Board (IAB)



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We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter and May Day break. We are back now into our monthly meetings until the end of term.

This month we had on our agenda the following items:

The termly Headteacher's Leadership Report – a comprehensive report covering all of the spring term and with updated data to support the report – thank you for making the efforts with attendance as its showing more positively in the data now with increases in two percentage points in Reception & Year 2, one percentage point in Years 3 & 4 and slightly better in Year 6.

The spring term update of the Self Evaluation Form - a review against national indicators of how well we are doing, and the progress made in driving to come out of Ofsted Special Measures. We have the Section 48 Inspection of Catholic Life and RE coming up soon, so we also reviewed the self-evaluation report for that process.

The revised **Mission Statement, aligned with the overarching CAST Mission, and our 10 Curriculum Principles** – thank you for the contributions to that review and for all of you who completed the survey on this issue.

The comprehensive **spring term record of visit by our Education Standards Manager from CAST** who scrutinised every aspect of school life and provided the latest evaluation and recommendations – all of which are in hand.

On the wider front, we were pleased to hear about the awards in the Early Years area and see the newly installed Water Wall in action and Climbing Wall/Canopy in place at last. We have had positive feedback and recognition for writing from the Jane Eyre society and some positive Twitter feedback on that same issue.

So, its continuing to look more positive and we know that the children are enjoying their learning, and that you are supporting them at home with their learning wherever possible. Please keep that going right through to the end of term and into the summer. We want them to return to school after the summer – ours or their secondary school for Year 6 children – well able to start immediately on the next phase of their educational journey and not to have to spend time playing catch up.

This school is on a journey to Outstanding over the next few years and we know that's where you want us to get to, but we will do it better and more quickly if we share that journey – school and home in partnership.

Judith