



The Harlington and Sundon Academy Trustee Report—Summer 2020



A word or two from the trustees.

It is customary at the end of the academic year for the trustees to reflect on the achievement, results and financial balance of the school. This year has brought its own specific challenges

We have seen changes of staff in both schools with long standing staff retire, move onto new challenges or step up into new roles. At our midway assessment point the children in both schools were on track to achieve the goals set by Mrs White and her team in most areas and plans for developments to both sites were underway.

In March, life changed for us all and the schools were forced to respond to demands placed upon them in order to keep everyone safe from the Covid-19 pandemic. For a short while, a small number of key worker children were accommodated but then both schools closed. Staff had to quickly find new ways of working, new goals had to be set, policies and procedures put in place to ensure everyone was kept safe, these often changed on a daily basis. Under Mrs White's guidance, the senior leadership team have steered the schools into re-opening gradually and as safely as possible, allowing the maximum number of children into the academy that we can accommodate whilst meeting the Department of Education's guidance.

Looking to the future, we are a financially strong academy – supported by the generous PTA and FHLSA we will ensure all pupils are given every opportunity to catch-up, learn and grow.

We, the trustees, want to thank everyone – the parents, carers, staff, volunteers and most of all the children for stepping up, rising to new challenges and working together as a team to keep everyone safe, whilst still learning – our value of “Learning for Life” has never felt so apt.

Mrs J Rayner

Chair of Trustees