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Dear Parents/Carers,

At our full Governing Body meeting earlier this term we discussed the implications that the growth of the village is having upon our school. As you are aware, we now have 17 classes with over 450 children on roll and the Governors have been planning for this since the expansion of the school was agreed some years ago. It was strongly felt that having one large school in the village was better than building another school. Therefore, as the one school, we are for all the children of Brampton, welcoming everyone to our community. The purpose of this letter is to reassure you that we want to continue to provide the best education that we can for all the children at Brampton and to share our vision for the school which you will find on the back of this letter.

The decision has been taken to change the way that some of the events in school are run. Productions at Christmas for Key Stage 2 for example, will not be taking place simply because of capacity issues that arise. More classes with more children mean more parents coming to watch and there would be a need to put on more performances than in the past. Therefore children in Years 3 and 4 will be able to perform in the Spring Term and children in Years 5 and 6 perform in the Summer Term. This is a pattern well-established in many schools and works very well. We understand the disappointment that many parents feel but are sure that you will appreciate that there are many factors to consider.

Many aspects of the day-to-day running of the school are having to be considered, such as Assemblies and lunchtimes, as it is important that these key points in the day continue to be a positive experience for all the children. Staff are looking at models from other large schools as part of the process.

We are also aware that parking remains a large problem, both for parents and for local residents. The safety and welfare of the children is our main priority and as a result we are in contact with the Parish Council and Local Authority about possible solutions. We will keep you informed about this.

There has been a lot of coverage in the media regarding school finances and the pressures that all schools are facing and we are no different. In the past six months we have had to make some reductions in staffing and development of our grounds and premises has been put on hold. We have had to cancel educational visits as we have not been able to subsidise the costs and we are aware that some local schools have asked parents to provide donations of money or essential stationery items for use in the classroom but this is not something that we wish to do.

We value your support and the contribution that all parents/carers make, and we are fortunate to have such an active PTA who work so hard to raise additional funds. The Governors are being proactive and wish to be able to address genuine concerns that parents may have as the next few years continue to be a period of transition. To help communication regarding the future of the school, any general questions can be sent to governorquestions@brampton.cambs.sch.uk. There will also be a separate section on the website where answers to 'frequently asked questions' will be posted.

It is an exciting time for the school as we seek to maintain our high standards whilst going through a period of growth. Please do contact the Governors as we will continue to discuss this issue at our meetings and will keep you updated through the website.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Peter Allen
Headteacher

Mr Dave Freeman
Chair of Governors



Brampton Village Primary School – the vision for our school.

Improve our quality of teaching using the best research and having an evidence based approach to the choices we make about future initiatives and training.

Better link our cycles of monitoring, review and planning to maximise efficiency and increase the pace and effectiveness of improvement.

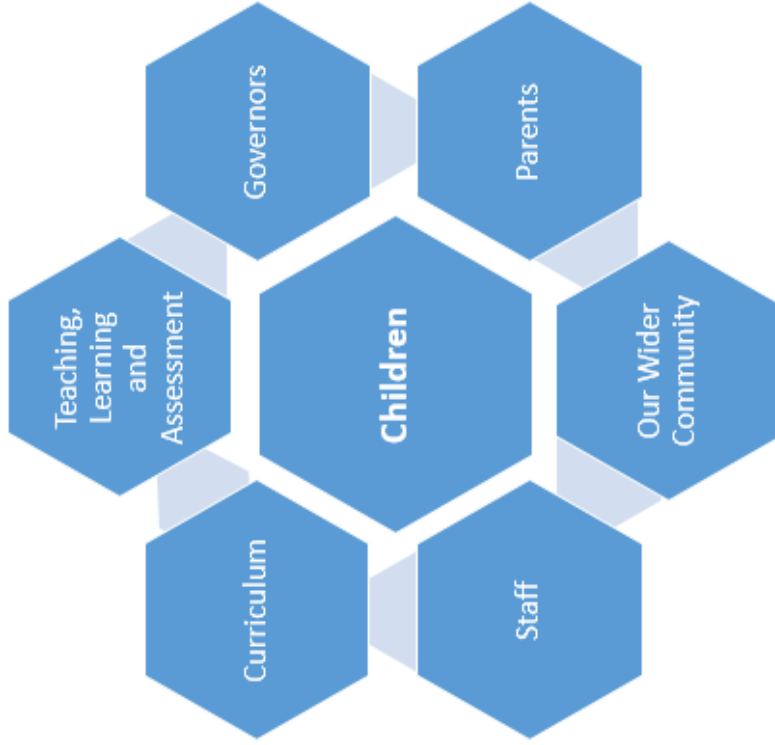
Empower our staff and leaders so that we get the best from them and provide the best opportunities for them, working with other schools, expanding experience and managing talent.

Retain and recruit outstanding teachers and staff who are excellent role models.

Ensure our school curriculum and ethos promotes the skills, knowledge and understanding which each pupil will need to be successful, contribute to our community and be prepared for the next stage of their education.

Create and maintain an inspiring environment.

Ensure equal opportunities for all across the school.



Develop and share widely the aspirations we have for what a 'Brampton pupil' will be like and will have experienced at our school.

Keep the child at the centre of all of our decision making.

Set high expectations from the start and keep them high of what our pupils can achieve in every year group and every phase.

Increase the involvement of parents to raise their aspirations and help them to support their children at school and in their learning.

Celebrate and publicise what we do well.

Make a positive contribution to our village.

Take steps to know and understand each child's needs with individualised feedback.

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