

BELLEVILLE GOVERNORS

11 November 2009

letter from the chair sue harries

Dear Parent

As governors, we are facing one of the biggest decisions we will ever be asked to make about the future of Belleville – should we become a four-form entry primary school? As a long-standing governor and parent of children who attended Belleville school, I remember when Belleville was not as well run as it is today and parents in the local area were not selecting Belleville as their first choice primary school for their child. It is because of the achievements and improvements that Belleville has made over the past 10 years, that we find ourselves in a position where we are being asked if we can offer more children the opportunity of a first-class primary education. Notwithstanding the physical and logistical practicalities of expanding the school, the view of the governing body, Head teacher and staff is that every child educated at Belleville will be assured of the best possible start in life and this is something that we find difficult to deny to future children and their families if there is a genuine, growing need for more places.

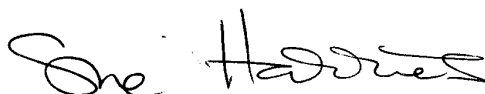
We are aware that many parents have raised a number of questions about the decision making process and the value of parent's input into it. In response to this, the governors are inviting parents, staff and prospective parents to have their say on Monday 16th November from 2.30pm to 8pm. During the afternoon and evening, governors will be in the new classroom pod in the ex staff car park to listen to all the your views about the proposal to expand Belleville. You will also be asked to fill in a questionnaire prepared by governors which will be reviewed by us in addition to the formal responses many people have already sent to the Council. We hope that we will be able to answer your questions but where not, we will seek to ensure that they are put to the Council for a response.

In making our final decision on whether we can support the principle of expanding the school, the views of the head teacher, staff and parents will be taken into consideration by the governing body. We will meet to discuss the comments that we will have received and be seeking to make a final decision on whether the proposal is supported. This governors meeting will take place on Thursday 19th November. The decision that will be made at this meeting is whether the school will proceed to the next stage of the consultation process or not. It is important to understand that this decision would be the first stage in the consultation process. Following this, there will be a further stage of consultation on the detail of the changes to the school buildings as well as a formal consultation run by the local authority as part of the planning application process. At every stage, the governors will ensure that parents and staff are listened to as part of the process.

Further information is available on the school's website, including details of how to contact the governing body and questions and answers about the proposal. A copy of our questionnaire will soon be available to download if you are unable to drop in next Monday.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 16th.

Kind regards



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