**Cotton End Forest School**

**Governing Body Report**

**August 2021**

*“We aim to provide our children with opportunities to become confident, happy children valuing and respecting diversity and who are proud of their achievements”.*

The children returned to school in March 2021 after the 3rd lockdown and settled back into school the school routine. The teachers experienced some difficulties in getting the children back into a structured school day who were not used to coping with a class full of children with the hustle and bustle of a learning environment.

All the staff worked very hard to get all the children back on track and at the end of the school year all children had made good progress. Although the Government had withdrawn the SATS test because of the pandemic the school decided to go ahead and use past test papers for the children in Year 6. All achieved good scores, which was an amazing achievement. The new school year will start with refresher lessons.

We welcome to the Governing Body two new Governors for September who will, I am sure bring a fresh look to things. Both are experienced in and have experience of, SEND children.

The Governors have appointed, for the very first time, a Deputy Headteacher, Miss Grey, who I am sure will rise to the challenges ahead. Governors wish her well in her new role, which is a non-teaching position.

We welcome two additional teachers this year, Miss Hendry-Taylor, in Year 4 and

Miss Migliano in Year 2, we hope they enjoy their time with us.

We all hope for some kind of normality this coming year. To the return of Governor visits to classes, assemblies, learning opportunities in the community, outings, swimming and the return of transition days for Year 6 children. We can but hope for *no* more ‘lockdowns’ and ‘bubbles’.

The School is growing each year with additional classes as we move to a 2 form entry over the coming years, eventually the School will be a 3 form entry.

My grateful thanks to all staff who have coped very well in unprecedented times and

the Headteacher who has shown remarkable resilience in such extraordinary circumstances.

*Sandra Thacker*

*Chair of Governors*

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