



## **Governors Messages to Parents, February 2018**

### **Finance Committee**

- New data protection laws are coming into place in 2018 and the committee are looking into how we can ensure we comply with the changes.
- Despite the well-publicised cuts to school budgets, at Duncombe we have managed our finances to leave us with some carry-over from 2017/18 to support our budget for 2018/19.

### **Premises Committee**

- We are looking into ways that we can control our energy costs at the school.
- We have negotiated a deal with the local council, on behalf of schools across the borough, for refuse collection costs to remain affordable for schools.

### **Curriculum Committee**

- Governors oversee the provision being offered to the children to tackle areas of learning that have been identified as school targets. Accelerated Reader has been introduced to support children in Key Stage 2 to develop their reading skills. Parents can support their child's reading through this programme as well, ensuring their child is reading texts that challenge them appropriately. In maths, work is being done across the school to develop fluency in maths. Parents can find out more about this at the upcoming maths coffee mornings.

### **SEN & Pastoral Support Committee**

- Governors continue to oversee the work done by the school to improve attendance and punctuality of all pupils and the impact it is having.
- We welcome Teresa Maskell, our new Special Needs Coordinator who has begun working alongside children, their families and staff.

### **Pay and Personnel**

- Governors are kept updated on new staff working at the school and how roles are developed.
- Governors are involved with the staff appraisals and have been impressed with the thoroughness of the process.