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OUR MISSION and AIMS 'Putting children at the heart of everything we do'

Our aims are:

- To provide a welcoming, secure and caring environment where worthwhile and satisfying relationships are formed and where respect and empathy are our guiding principles
- To provide enriching and stimulating curriculum experiences that promote active learning and enable pupils to achieve success in all they do
- To have high expectations of what we can all achieve by working together
- To develop pupils' confidence in their capacity to learn, both independently and collaboratively
- To foster an effective partnership between community, home, and school, so that families can learn together
- To ensure the continuous professional development of all staff and value their personal contribution to the school

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NEWSLETTER

For Parents and Carers

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Dear Parents and Carers

Governors would like to thank drivers who have responded so positively to requests to park vehicles more safely outside the school. It would be unforgivable if a child was to be injured as a direct result of people parking cars in a thoughtless way, so your co-operation in taking care where vehicles are parked outside the school is *much* appreciated.

Members of the governing body enjoyed meeting the many parents attending parent/teacher evenings recently and a huge 'thank you' to all of you who helpfully completed the governing body's annual parent/carer survey. If you did not receive a copy of the questionnaire, please ask for one at the school office. It is always important to capture your views and you can be assured that senior leaders and the governors take your feedback very seriously. There were a number of comments about home-learning which will be discussed in our meetings with the staff. It is important to say however, that whilst some parents queried the amount of home learning, many also felt that this was appropriate. Whilst we all do our best, governors are very aware that no school can please *every* parent *all* the time. Governors know too that the fantastic

progress that many children make at Greasbrough is because *you* are helping their learning too. Home-learning remains important although we will promise to look at the quantity.

In the questionnaire, we asked about your views on the steps the school is taking to address issues around cyber bullying and although the full analysis of the survey has not yet been completed, it is clear to see that many of you appreciated the work the staff have been doing in this important area to keep your children safe. However, the school alone cannot do this without your help, especially in relation to children's use of social media. As we are sure you know, it is against the law for *any* child attending Greasbrough Primary School to have a Facebook account as *all* our children fall below the age limit. However, a number of incidents have been reported to governors which show that some children are using Facebook and other social media to send abusive messages to other children. Whilst this is thankfully just a very small minority, governors have given their support to the staff to take decisive action to ensure that this cyber bullying is stopped at Greasbrough. This is because it is a safeguarding issue but is also taking

valuable staff time away from teaching and learning. Sadly, if it means reporting to the appropriate authorities where we have evidence that a fraudulent Facebook account is being used, then the school will be forced to do this. This is because the school has legal responsibilities to safeguard children. PLEASE help the school to keep all our children safe from harm.

On a much happier note, at a time when I expect you will have heard in the press that schools have increased costs with no additional funding, governors have been really pleased to hear that this school is still continuing to plan a wonderful range of learning opportunities for children. Her Majesty's Chief Inspector expressed concern recently that some wider experiences that help children to learn are being lost in many schools, but this is *not* the case at Greasbrough. Our children are still involved in some fantastic learning through music, art sport and drama including One Voice and the Shakespeare Festival which was so wonderful last year. Long may our children have these opportunities!

Best wishes from your Local Governing Body at Greasbrough Primary School