



## BERRYMEDE JUNIOR SCHOOL

### Governing Body End of Year Report 2019/20

#### A Year in Review

Dear Pupils and Parents,

We can all be certain that 2020 is a year we won't forget. The Coronavirus pandemic has presented a range of challenges, not least for us as a school, but as always, the staff and pupils of Berrymede Junior have risen to the challenge. This has changed the way in which the school has delivered for our pupils, and the way in which the Governing Body has supported the school since March – more on that coming up.

This year Mrs Patel and Mr Cotton have stepped up as Acting Head and Deputy, and the governors would like to thank them for so ably leading the school. They have done an amazing job in incredibly difficult circumstances, and have really gone the extra mile to support our pupils. We welcome Mrs Khan back from 1 July, following her sabbatical in Dubai, and the Governing Body look forward to working with her again.

Through my visits to school, I have seen the remarkable hard work and dedication of the staff at Berrymede. The governors are incredibly grateful to all staff for their work this year, particularly in being so flexible in responding to the Coronavirus pandemic and providing learning opportunities to pupils at home.



Come September, we will build on the work pupils have been doing at home, and focus on ensuring that all pupils are making expected progress. We have been incredibly impressed with pupils' work that they have been showcasing on Dojo, and we are grateful to parents for their continued support for pupils at home.

The Governing Body have enjoyed the opportunity to visit school earlier in the year, to see engaging lessons, for lunch with pupils, to join school trips and to see school performances. We take great pleasure from our visits, which support us in monitoring the work of school. I'm grateful to governors for their dedication and support to Berrymede. This year also saw our former Chair of Governors, Gerry Leversha, step down after 20 years of dedicated service; he has made a substantial contribution to Berrymede and we wish him well.



As we look forward to the next academic year, we wish our year 6 pupils every happiness in the next exciting stage of their education. In September, we look forward to welcoming the rest of our pupils back and our new year 3 pupils as they join the Berrymede Junior community. While there will likely be continued changes in school, as we focus on keeping pupils safe, our aims will remain the same: to be ambitious for our pupils' educational achievements and their happiness.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer break.

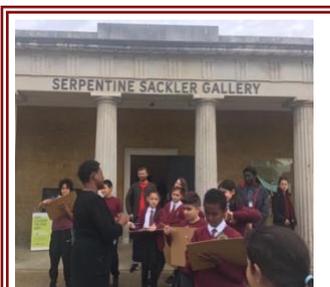
**James Crutchley, Chair of Governors at Berrymede Junior School**



### Celebrating Our Successes and Achievements in 2019/20

Despite the disruption since March, there have still been incredible accomplishments from our pupils, our staff and parents.

Below is just a snapshot of the range of activities this year; we look forward to seeing what Berrymede achieves next year!



Budding artists visiting the Serpentine Gallery



Year 5 Maths super stars at West Acton Primary



Macbeth performance at Waterman's Theatre



Our choir turning on Christmas lights at Acton community



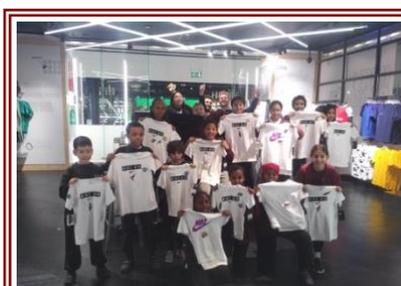
Success for pupils in Taekwondo grading



Christmas dinner at Berrymede this year



Visit to Kensington Palace for a book launch



Visit to Nike Town London following success of Marathon Makers



Well done to parents who reached a half marathon!



Gold and bronze medals in Boccia at Featherstone finals



Impressive costumes for World Book Day!



Year 6 young leaders running the Featherstone hockey festival



**Governors – Who are we and what do we do?**

**Governing Body Mission Statement**

The Governing Body works in partnership with the school leadership and community to set the strategic direction for the school, creating a supportive environment in which pupils' creativity and passion for learning flourishes, setting high expectations for pupils' achievements, and recognising the value of high-quality teaching and the vital role of parents in pupils' development.

The Governing body visits school regularly to observe activities and lessons, join school events, and meets to monitor progress on our priority improvement areas.

If any parents are interested in joining the Governing Body, please contact our clerk, Mrs R Gavin via the school office.

	<b>FGB</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>T&amp;L</b>	<b>S&amp;E</b>
<b>Mrs L Khan</b>	Head	X		X
<b>Mr J Crutchley</b>	Chair	Vice	Chair	
<b>Ms S Jukes</b>	X	Chair	X	Vice
<b>Mrs V Gorna</b>	X	X		X
<b>Ms R Pepper</b>	X			X
<b>Cllr M Sabiers</b>	LA			
<b>Mrs J Cotton</b>	Staff		X	
<b>Ms S Loughe</b>	Vice	X		Chair
<b>Mr T Suleman</b>	Parent		X	X
<b>Mrs N Patel</b>	Deputy HT		Vice	X

The three strategic functions of Berry Mede Junior's Governing Body are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff; and
- Monitoring the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The work of the Governing Body is ordinarily split between the Full Governing Body, which meets four times per year, and three committees that focus on specific areas and usually meet once every half term (Resources, Teaching & Learning, and Safeguarding & Engagement). Further information on the role of the committees is available on the school website.

This year, in response to the Coronavirus situation, the Governing Body suspended its committee structure to focus its efforts on the key priority areas and to support the school. Therefore, the Full Governing Body has met seven times this year, with five meetings since the beginning of the Coronavirus situation to review and agree the school's approach to ensuring continuity of education and support for pupils.

We hope you have found it enjoyable and informative to hear about our snapshot of the work of the governors and our school's achievements this year.

If you would like to speak to governors or find out more about the work we do to support Berry Mede, then please feel free to contact us through the school office.