Drayton CE VC Junior
A caring school



"In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too" - Philippians 2:3-4

Cherishing each individual
Aiming for everyone to flourish
Relationships rooted in care and respect
Embracing collaboration and compassion

13th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this busy academic year for Drayton CE VC Junior School, we can reflect on the achievements and plans going forward.

The school development plan outlines the governors' strategic role:
'To strengthen the role of the Governing Body, building its capacity to support and challenge the school leaders, knowing the school well, in order to fulfil its statutory duties.'

The governors have reviewed the provision over the year by making school visits, talking to staff and pupils including the School and Eco Councils, attending governor meetings, approving policies, attending church services and Collective Worship, monitoring the budget and reviewing school documents.

Pupil progress and achievements are a key priority for governor monitoring so we thank the staff for their skill and expertise in preparing children for all their assessments. We have also seen how the school offers a broad and balanced curriculum with many enrichment opportunities for pupils including class visits, sporting events and school concerts.

Nationally all schools are facing financial pressures so we must thank Mr Neenan for managing the school budget in a professional and effective manner.

The school has recently had a very positive **SIAMS church school inspection** celebrating the Christian ethos and supportive culture which enables everyone in the school community to flourish. The inspector recognised <u>notable strengths:</u>

- *The clear Christian vision and associated values are foundational to the school's practice.*
- *Inspired by the vision, the exciting curriculum supports growth and flourishing.*
- *The school culture prioritises dignity and respect. Relationships are cherished, pupils and staff are highly valued and cared for.*
- *The RE curriculum provides a strong foundational understanding of faith and beliefs.*

The development points will be actioned by the school.

- *Strengthen the school's understanding of spirituality.*
- *Help pupils to think more deeply about justice and responsibility.*

The inspector met with pupils, staff, families and governors and reported that:

- *The Christian distinctiveness of the vision, rooted in care for others, is highly effective in guiding strategic decision-making and daily practice. The CARE values inspire a deep compassion for others and help embed the vision.*
- *Pupils enjoy their learning and are highly enthusiastic about their wider opportunities.*
- *Collective worship provides time for pupils and staff to reflect, be still and to pray… the prayer wall reflects their care, love and respect for the world.*
- *The school is a community that lives out its Christian values through the nurturing of pupils and kindness towards others.*
- *Pupils develop responsibility through leadership opportunities.*
- *The RE curriculum approach has been carefully planned to develop knowledge and understanding through enquiry questions. The leadership of RE is highly effective.*

Well done to everyone who contributed to this very pleasing outcome for DJS

We value the efforts of the staff team, the effective senior leaders and the office staff and how everyone has contributed to the success this year : pupils for their enthusiasm and involvement; families for their support and co-operation; the Friends of Drayton Junior for their much appreciated fundraising efforts; staff for their commitment and hard work, and governors for their dedication to the school.

We send our best wishes to children and staff who are leaving DJS at the end of the school year. As the Year 6 leave the 'roots' of their primary school days we hope that they go on with 'wings' of confidence to enjoy their secondary school education.

We thank the governors for their strategic role. The school website has updates on the Governance Tab with governor profiles. We have one vacancy for a co-opted community volunteer governor for the autumn term. Please contact the school office if you would like more information about this key role.

We are pleased to see that the summer events, the academic testing and the educational visits have given the children so many opportunities to reach their potential and to flourish in this caring school.

I extend my good wishes to pupils, staff and families for a safe, enjoyable time over the summer break.

Kind regards,

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Chair of Governors