



Barrow CEVC Primary School

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Annual Report to the Parish Council – April 2022

The school has seen the realisation of its key long term development plans over the last year, despite working with the challenges and unprecedented circumstances of a global pandemic. With the completion of a £1 million standalone teaching block in 2020, the governors and staff have delivered on the planned, phased development of the school. This meant that the school was very well-placed in terms of infrastructure and provision to complete its expansion to a full primary in September 2021 with the retention of its first cohort of Year 6 pupils.

The school remains a popular choice amongst parents with 187 children currently on roll from age 4-11 (Reception to Year 6). It is anticipated that the school will be at capacity in most year groups from September 2022. The majority of the children offered a place for September 2022 live within the village or the school's catchment area.

Good relationships with local secondary schools have been developed and are continuing to be fostered to ensure smooth and effective transition of the Year 6 pupils to their onward schools.

The staff and governors continue to concentrate on ensuring that the highest of standards are maintained at Barrow School. Senior leaders and Governors work collaboratively towards implementing the school's current development priorities and longer term strategic plan. This includes ensuring the effective management of the school's resources and budget. A well-established cycle of monitoring and self-evaluation is in place to track performance and standards; in-house and national data being used to establish benchmarks, set targets and monitor trends.

We are committed to teaching a broad, balanced and aspirational curriculum across a wide range of subjects. To ensure that we are as effective as possible in meeting these aims, we are constantly reviewing our curriculum development priorities. This process ensures that our curriculum decisions are responsive and strategic. Indeed, it is more important than ever that our teaching reflects the needs of our children and takes into account the impact of the global pandemic on their learning and wellbeing.

Church and Community Links

Community and parent involvement in school is high. The school continues to encourage the community to use its facilities such as the hall, grounds and swimming pool. The school site hosts a private Montessori nursery, Colourbox. Strong links are established and maintained with the local church and local Christian community. The Collective Worship Team, comprising staff, Governors and



local church volunteers continues to oversee the organisation and delivery of a number of services and events, held at both the All Saints Church and at the school. We actively promote church events and programmes.

The school continues to promote active travel and safe parking through its Travel Plan for the benefit of both its families and local residents. This work encompasses a variety of national and local initiatives to support the aim of reducing congestion and the impact of pollution on the environment.

Development of the School Site

The design of the recent development completed by Local Authority architects caters for the further phased development/improvement of the school site, should additional school places be required in future years. In the light of additional proposed housing developments within the village, initial conversations have taken place with LA officers, the Parish Council and developers to explore key priorities regarding the school site. Should further development take place in the village it is highly likely that the school will need to expand further. It has been indicated by the Local Authority that additional land will then be required to adequately expand the school site.

Mrs H Ashe – Headteacher

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