



**Sandiway
Primary School**

Local Academy Board

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Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this first term draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to update you in terms of the Sandiway Primary School Local Academy Board and the work we have been doing behind the scenes. We have spent some time updating the Local Academy Board pages on the school website - <http://www.sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk/page/local-academy-board/6824> Here you will find an introduction to the LAB, list of members and a full copy of our Strategic Action plan for this year. You can also meet the team - <http://www.sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk/page/meet-the-lab/8208> to find out more about who we are and the roles we play within the Governance of Sandiway Primary School.

Changes to Sandiway Primary School LAB



After 5 years of dedicated service, Clare Mackin (Vice Chair) has decided now is the time to step down from her role, to concentrate on her family. All of us on the LAB wish to pass on our sincere thanks for everything she has done in her term, and the steadfast dedication she has shown in making sure all of our children get the best from their journey through Sandiway.



New Parent Elected LAB Member

Following the recent ballot, we are delighted to announce that Kym Coulbeck has now been elected to sit on the Local Academy Board. Kym will be officially welcomed at our next Clerked meeting in January but is able to begin the induction process and start contributing to the team with immediate effect.

A review of the first term

Inevitably starting a new academic year with no incumbent Headteacher brought challenges. But as a LAB we have been delighted to see Mrs Harvey and all the staff providing great learning opportunities with every classroom full of engaged, happy and nurtured children. They have worked tirelessly with the Trust and each other to drive forward improvements within the school.

As a LAB we have already met several times in order to review Audit findings in SEND, Maths, Health & Safety and other areas to ensure the resulting actions form part of our monitoring plan for the year. There has been a huge amount of work undertaken by the Trust and every member of staff in school this term, to ensure that progress has already been made around the School Improvement plan for when Mrs Bertram joins us as the new Headteacher in January.





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What next?

As a LAB we will be presenting to you on a termly basis, giving an overview of progress on each improvement area within the school. We will continue to raise our profile through attendance at key events such as parents evenings, sports days and school events. We are always happy to be approached either in person or via email. Our focus over the coming half term will be centred around visiting the school to triangulate evidence around deliverables in Quality of Education, Early Years, SEND (specifically focusing on the audit action points), and Behaviour & Attitudes (specifically focusing on Equality & Diversity and the new Sandiway ROCKS behaviour policy). Safeguarding and Health & Safety will continue to be consistently monitored, with a termly report produced for each clerked LAB Meeting.

Timeline	Activity
3 rd January 2023	All LAB members attending Basic Safeguarding refresh training alongside all Create Learning Trust staff.
January 2023	New Headteacher in post. LAB will arrange to meet with Mrs Bertram and confirm patterns of working together
W/C 9 th January 2023	LAB Monitoring week in school. All LAB members will be visiting school during this week to carry out monitoring and collecting staff and pupil voice.
24 th January 2023	LAB Clerked Meeting – submission of monitoring reports
March 2023	Next LAB Newsletter outlining progress made since November 2022.

And Finally....

The LAB would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support shown to the staff at school during this first term. A huge thank you also to the PTA for the fabulous events they have put on and the funds raised for the school.

We would also like to formally acknowledge and thank every single member of staff at Sandiway Primary School for their unwavering dedication to the children and the provision they receive. I am sure you will all agree that Mrs Harvey, along with her team, has done a terrific job as Acting Head of School this term.

We hope that you all get to enjoy some time off with your families over the festive period and wish you all a very Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all back, along with our New Headteacher, Mrs Debbie Bertram on the 4th January 2023.

Emma Zouhbi, Chair

On behalf of Sandiway Primary School Local Academy Board

