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An end of year message from Saxon School Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

As governors, we work with the senior leadership team on upholding the values and objectives of the school, using the School Development Plan as our guide. It's a very detailed document, stating the aims and objectives of the whole school, and it is reviewed on a three-year cycle.

This term marks the end of the latest cycle and I wanted to share some exciting news. Over the past three years Saxon's three main aims have been: to improve the children's results in writing; to narrow the gap in academic achievement between those from a disadvantaged background and those who aren't; and finally to challenge our more able children.

We are proud to end the year with the news that these milestones have all been reached. I'm sure you would like to join us in thanking Miss Morris, Mrs Davis and the senior leadership team as well as all the teachers and teaching assistants for all their hard work in helping our children achieve these goals.

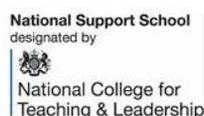
When you consider these achievements against the backdrop of the new curriculum, the turbulent political climate and the changes within the leadership team, the results are even more commendable and show how Saxon has truly embedded its strengths and practices.

Samples of Year 6's writing were externally reviewed by Surrey County Council as part of its annual monitoring and the work was all deemed to be well assessed by the teachers. Some examples of the work are being used as best practice to share with other schools.

The next academic year will see the implementation of the revised School Development Plan and further consolidation of the school's work to raise educational standards.

Throughout the past school year Saxon governors undertook learning walks on writing, computing, philosophy as well as meetings about Saxon Children's Centre, safeguarding and SEND. It is a real highlight of the governor role to be able to see the whole school in action and we are always struck by the confidence and articulacy of the children we meet.

Throughout the year, our school newsletters are so full of information that other important elements of Saxon life can't always be included. One such development is Saxon's continued progression as a



centre of excellence for teaching in the wider community. Members of the senior leadership team and other teaching staff frequently work with other schools, both within the Lumen academy and externally, to share best practice. How does this positively impact our children? First it makes Saxon an attractive place to work - something that is very important during a national teaching shortage - and secondly it enriches the quality of teaching in our own school, thanks to the experiences shared and gained.

Looking ahead, we are starting the new academic year with three new faces on the governing body: Rosy Bletcher, Luann Donald and Sarah Moth, who joined the board following a recruitment drive led by Lumen's Executive Principal, Mary Ellen McCarthy. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to them all, and we look forward to their contributions on Saxon's strategy and oversight.

Finally, I'd like to wish you and your families a wonderful and well-deserved break; and to all the pupils, teachers and parents leaving Saxon, we wish you the very best for a happy and fulfilling future.

Kind regards

Wendy Sedgwick
Chair of Governors
Saxon School