

POTTER STREET ACADEMY

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Head of School: Mr N Gladwin

Executive Headteacher: Miss E Bloomfield



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to provide you with the Annual Statement on behalf of the Governing Body at Potter Street Academy.

We meet 4 times a year, both face to face and on Teams. During these meetings, we discuss anything important that has been happening at school, school policies and the School Development Plan which shows us the priorities within school for the academic year. It is our responsibility to monitor specific subjects and areas within school, asking questions and fully understanding the way school is run and how the curriculum is planned and implemented. These areas include Safeguarding, SEND, Maths and English.

The staff at Potter Street are always so welcoming and as Governors we are regularly invited in to see what is happening in school. On behalf of the whole governing team, we are so impressed at how dedicated and hardworking everybody is at Potter Street!

This year has been wonderful for Potter Street, with many achievements and things to celebrate. We officially welcomed our new Headteacher Mr Gladwin and our new Deputy Head, Ms Witter. I am sure that everyone will agree when I say that they have made a significant impact. Their positivity, enthusiasm and encouragement of all students is clear to see, and it is exciting to think about what we can achieve as a school with their vision and guidance.

Mr Gladwin has many ideas and plans for the school moving forward and his passion for teaching and supporting our children has been recognised by students, parents, and the Governing Body.

It was not long into the first term that Potter Street had the phone call from OFSTED. It is always a nervous time for staff, wanting to show the Inspector all the brilliant things that our students are achieving, and I am so pleased to say that our report could not have been better. The OFSTED report is available to view on the school website, but a few highlights were:

- Pupils are proud of their school.
- There are high expectations for all pupils' achievement.
- Children feel safe and happy.
- Pupils are supported at each stage of their education, from before they join the school and beyond.

The Inspector said that it was lovely to see in action, everything that the school said they were doing and that there is a real sense of community from everyone at Potter Street. Huge congratulations to Mr Gladwin, all staff, and students!

This year has also seen some amazing trips, visits and sporting events take place – the Tri-Golf Festival, numerous athletics events, Crucial Crew, Leeds Castle, Young Voices for the choir, Duxford, Colchester Zoo to name but a few. These are fantastic opportunities for our students to enjoy, engage, learn, and experience new things.



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We also have to say a huge thank you to parent Sam Wallace-Long, Mrs Beesley and the rest of the PTA who have gone above and beyond this year to raise crucial funds for the school. Discos, competitions and the highly successful Christmas and Summer Fetes have enabled them to pay for the school to see the Pantomime at Passmores and to buy all the Year 6 leavers hoodies. The PTA are always for looking for new members so if you are interested, please contact the school office or Mrs Beesley.

Finally, I would like to wish the Year 6 students the best of luck as they transition into Year 7 to start their secondary education. What a hardworking, focused, and resilient group of young children you have been throughout your time at Potter Street, particularly over the last few months in preparation for your SATS tests. I am sure you will have lots of memories to take away with you – your trip to Danbury, your visit to Southend, talent shows and sleepovers. It was a pleasure to be at your leaver’s assembly and hear you speak so fondly of your time at school and how your teachers have supported and encouraged you all the way through. You are role models to the younger children, and we wish you will for the next step in your journey.

I am incredibly lucky to see first-hand all the amazing things that happen daily at Potter Street, and I am already looking forward to what the next academic year brings.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break!

Laura Fitten
Chair or Governors



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