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Dear Parent/Carer,

On behalf of the governing body here at Beech Hill Primary School, we hope that you had a good holiday and wish you a prosperous new year.

This is my first note to you this academic year and I want to share my overriding sentiment of pride in the whole school community and my ambition that Beech Hill Primary School will continue to thrive in the coming months and years.

As you are no doubt aware, our Ofsted result in October 2021 was a great springboard for us in that it affirmed the hard work of the staff and the whole school community since 2018 and its drive for the best education for our students.

Our job was to ensure that Mr Davidson, Miss Carson, the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and all who are leaders within the school continue on from this result; our intention is that, during our next inspection (hopefully in a few years) will be at least good – we are aiming for an outstanding result.

I am pleased to say that the school has continued to progress. As Mr Davidson often shares with you; our nationally published grades were in line with national results (all other schools in the country) and considering the uniqueness of Beech Hill with our higher than national levels of English as an additional language (EAL) and Special Educational Needs (SEND) this is an absolute accolade to the staff and children (and the whole school community) for their commitment to education.

Recently we also told you of our MTC checks, where our children scored results higher than that of other children nationally.

We are really proud of what we have achieved so far and are committed to trying our best to give our children the best start in life. Thank you parents/carers, for trusting in us and continuing to work with us.

The role of the governing body is to work as a critical friend, it is to support the SLT and to ask questions, challenge and monitor successes. It is also to ensure that we are realistic, that it takes time and steps/milestones for a school to make progress.

#### **Beech Hill Development plan this year**

- **Continue to raise standards in all subjects, but with a focus on handwriting, spelling, writing content for English and reasoning in maths.**
- **Exciting curriculum – To ensure that subject leaders and staff continue to provide an exciting and well thought out curriculum.**
- **Further development of online capabilities.**
- **Continue to develop the Early Years provision and raise standards.**
- **Raising attendance, maintaining quality behaviour and well-being.**

I would like to take the opportunity to state that we still have a position of parent governor vacant, and if you feel that you have the skills and ambition to support the school and a small amount of time, please do not hesitate to get in contact with either myself, Mr Davidson or the school front reception.

Kind regards,  
Bianca Jeffrey – Chair of Governors

