

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

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Dear Families,

As a school we have a strong commitment to improve. As part of this we are asking for your opinions about the service that the school offers. Please find below a link to a survey which allows you to anonymously give your opinions. I know that historically, the school has not provided the best service and in this instance I am asking you to reflect on a period of time from May 2024 till now. I know that many of you will have concerns that predate this and I encourage you to come and speak to me about these however, for this survey if you could think about the school's recent improvement I would be grateful.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Eb770Ym07i>

Academisation:

I am pleased to be able to inform parents that the process of academisation is continuing. Two weeks ago we received the academy's order which informs the school that it will be joining a family of other schools for additional support. The final decision on who this sponsor will be in being made at the end of October. I will confirm with parents as soon as I am aware.

The school has also received some support direct from the DFE (Department for Education). Tillian, a church academy has been granted some monies to ensure that the school continues to improve. As well as myself being in place I will be joined by Lyndsey Allsop on a Wednesday and Thursday to support the school. Lyndsey is the Headteacher of Icksworth Primary School. The school is also going to receive additional support from the SENDCO and Early Years Teacher of Rougham Primary School. These measures will ensure that the school continues on its improvement journey.



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It is likely that Tillian will become the longer term sponsor of Cavendish C of E Primary School and these moves are the first step in them putting this into place.

I am going to be involved with Cavendish until at least Christmas this year and parents and children will see me on the gate every Monday and Tuesday. After Christmas my visits will become less frequent as Tillian take over and also as I move towards retirement. After 35 years of working as a teacher and school leader I have decided to hang up my chalk and whiteboard pens! However, I would like to stress that I intend to stay connected to the school. I have come to have a great fondness for the staff and children and I care passionately that the school succeeds so I will still be involved but just in a different capacity.

Wake and Shake:

From Monday 7th October we are going to rebrand Wake and Shake to Mindful Mornings. We have noticed that the children are not enjoying Wake and Shake as they had previously and we hope by having some drawing and colouring activities this we rekindle the children's enthusiasm and will allow them to start the morning in the right way. We will provide some colouring pencils and drawings, dot to dots etc.

Lockdown Drill:

One of the things that all schools are required to practice at least a couple of times a year are Lockdown Drills. This means that should the school be placed into a Lockdown all the children know the expectations and follow them without an issue. I know, in the past, staff here have practiced what to do but children have not actually taken part in this. Throughout the last week children have been told about the Lockdown Drill and have had opportunities to practice. On Tuesday 8th October we will have the drill for a short period of time so we know that we are ready should the need for this arise. I would be grateful if you could talk to your children about this and tell them not to worry about it.

Yours sincerely,

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