

## Annual Statement Clervaux Nursery School

The Governors at Clervaux Nursery have supported the school and kids club exceptionally well throughout the year. We have a wide range of Governors from many different backgrounds. The Governors skills are utilized well to match their strengths. We have working parties which also take place throughout the year which focus on issues around Teaching and Learning, Personal Development, Behaviour and welfare and Leadership and Management. The Governors work closely with the school to identify priorities and develop a cohesive plan of action. They attend regular training sessions ran by both the local authority and the school itself to ensure that they are fully up to date with any changes in legislation or initiatives.

### **Key issue 1 that faced the Governing Board during 2018-19**

#### Hard Federation

In 17/18 we commenced a Soft Federation with Helen Gibson Nursery School with Jenny Parker as the Executive Head Teacher over the 2 schools. We decided in September 2018 that as the soft federation had been so successful we would move to a hard federation. The Executive Head Teacher has continued to split her time between the two nurseries whilst still ensuring consistency and outstanding practice.

### **Assessment of the impact 1 of the Governing Board on the school during 2017-18**

The 2 schools are now running parallel to each other with the same policies and procedures. The schools have continued to be rated Outstanding by the Local Authorities School Improvement Officer. The 2 Governing boards needed to look at the futures of Nursery Schools and decided we would be more financially viable together than 2 separate entities. The Governors were able to work with the Executive Head Teacher and staff to ensure that both schools continued to have their own uniqueness and character, whilst ensuring all children continued to make consistently good and more often outstanding progress in each school.

### **Key issue 2 that faced the Governing Board during 2018-19**

#### The Introduction of the 2 year old Provision

In September 2018 the Governors supported the introduction of 2 year old provision at Clervaux Nursery School. This enabled children on the offer to access 15 hours of free education at the nursery. The Studio was converted into the Snug and the small outdoor area was adapted to cater for younger children.

### **Assessment of the impact 2 of the Governing Board on the school during 2018-19**

The 2 year old provision is thriving and has been rated Outstanding by our Local Authority School Improvement Officer. The area has been fully developed and even has its own pet rabbit. The children throughout the year have made Outstanding progress from baseline to end of year thanks

to the staff and full support of the Governors. Parents have felt fully supported and some have now gone onto work and will be access additional hours in September 19.