



Statement from the Chair of Governors...

Penwortham is an established and popular school located in the diverse and vibrant Furzedown area of Tooting. We have welcomed many new families over the last decade and we feel that this rich diversity of a broad social, cultural and racial balance teamed with our commitment to provide a safe caring environment where all our children are fully supported to achieve their full potential, is our strength. We currently have a pupil roll of 685 having increased our Reception intake over the last 6 years in response to the lack of pupil places within the Furzedown area. We have now a permanently expanded 3FE school.

We are located on the edge of the Borough where are fortunate not to have controlled parking restrictions in operation, so there is ample free residential parking available to our staff and visitors.

We strongly emphasise teamwork at Penwortham – our aim is to ensure that children’s learning is delivered in a consistent approach throughout the school. We use the National Curriculum planning framework to underpin and support a creative curriculum and this ensures that the breadth of the curriculum is covered. Our leadership team monitors all of our initiatives but we also expect full and professional use of staff meetings to plan the way forward.

We believe that good record keeping is essential for effective planning, evaluation and communication between teacher, pupil and parent.

We are committed to a positive use of the teacher appraisal process, seeing it not only as a value to the school, but also to the professional development of each individual teacher. Whilst we obviously hope that staff will develop a commitment to our school and enjoy working with us, we will also enable and encourage staff to look forward and plan their future career.

We are proud of and look after our school. It was built in 1908 and has been further developed whereby we have:

- an established purpose built Nursery and Dinner Centre which was opened in 2000.
- a lift which was installed in July 2006 making us a fully accessible school.
- a purpose built Reception Block which was designed to ensure children have a happy transition into the routines of the school learning day. This

was opened in September 2014 and was the 1st phase of developing our site due to expansion.

- a Y6 Block, which after a 15 month building programme, was completed at the end of Spring 2016 term and was immediately occupied at the start of the Summer 2016 term. Both pupils and staff are fully enjoying the building with it's forward thinking learning environment as well as the building's ECO features.

Last year we worked collaboratively with our very supportive PTA to re-design our pond area located in our KS2 playground to create a sensory garden which all children in our school will be have access to and be able to enjoy.

We would also like to have the opportunity of refurbishing our dinner centre kitchen and dining space to enable our expanded school community to enjoy an improved dining experience and have applied for financial support from the Local Authority to enable us to do so.

The school has received recognition of its commitment to quality teaching in a number of areas by achieving: the Primary Science Quality Mark; Arts Council Artsmark; Sainsburys Silver Games Award; Healthy Schools Status Award and very recently, the Rights Respecting Award.

We have recently had our Ofsted Inspection for which the report has yet to be published. In the meantime, please see our previous Ofsted Inspection (July 2013) by using the following link:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/101016>

We are proud of and celebrate the diversity of our school community. Ofsted Inspectors quoted in their 2013 report a comment from one of our parents:

"The school provides a wonderful warm inclusive environment, where children learn to respect and value each other regardless of differences".

As a prospective colleague who has expressed an interest in working in Penwortham we welcome you to visit us.

Andrew Willshire,
Chair of Governors.