



## **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 and cultural 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 are located on the edge of the Borough where we 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 framework to underpin and support a creative curriculum and this ensures that the breadth of the curriculum is covered.

We value high quality training using internal and external expertise and are committed to our staff personal and professional development.

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 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> phase of developing our site due to expansion.
- a Y6 Block, was completed at the end of Spring 2016 Both pupils and staff fully enjoy the building with its contemporary thinking learning environment as well as the building's ECO features.

We have an attractive playground in KS2 and have had the EYFS play areas recently transformed. KS1 playground is next to be redeveloped.

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 Arts mark; Healthy Schools Status Award and very recently, the Rights Respecting Gold Award, Coaching Sliver Award, Nurture School Award

In 2024, the school was judged as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. Please see the link to our inspection report. <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/101016>

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

**Malcolm Lewis**  
**Chair of Governors**