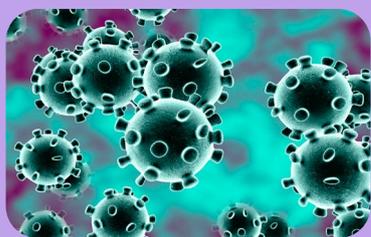


STRONGER TOGETHER IN OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19



COVID-19 has been the biggest public health crisis this country has seen. Since March this year we have been asked to respond to escalating issues impacting education that we could never have

foreseen as we entered 2020. As a result of our shared team approach and close collaboration throughout the pandemic to date, we were able to maintain provision for an increasing number of critical workers needing pupil places at the pandemic height. In the Summer Term, all our schools were able to meet the challenge of a return to school for those year groups identified by the government guidance at that time, and in some cases even more. We did everything possible to minimise the impact of any lost learning and continue to do so.

We have constantly reviewed, redesigned and reorganised our schools to allow children to return safely in September and to ensure the continued safety of both staff and pupils whilst in our schools. We have seen significant variance across the Trust in terms of the number of reported and confirmed COVID-19 cases this term. We have worked tirelessly with Public Health England and guidance provided by the DfE to react quickly and decisively to identify direct contacts, inform parents and isolate pupils in order to limit the spread of the virus.

Teaching staff have quickly adapted to new ways of teaching and are ensuring that our pupils have access to high quality remote learning from the first day of isolation. We have received many positive comments from our parents about our improved home learning provision and we are continually monitoring, reviewing and improving our provision. None of this would have been possible without the dedication and unwavering professionalism of staff across our five schools. Everyone has gone above and beyond in putting pupils first and we cannot thank them enough for this.

With a vaccine now in sight, we can start to hope for a slow return to normality but we must continue to work together to stay safe in the meantime. We are very proud of the increased collaborative working which has been forged this year and on which we will build for the future beyond COVID-19.



INVESTING IN OUR SCHOOLS

Ensuring that facilities for learning across all our academies are continually being reviewed and improved is a priority for Tandridge Learning Trust.



This year Trustees approved a total refurbishment of the Sixth Form College block at Warlingham School. After online consultation with students, the newly refurbished College was completed in time for the start of the new academic year and the students are delighted with the more flexible working opportunities and the modern environment akin to what students might expect of a modern college or university.



In addition to this, Trustees took the decision to refurbish the building which was previously the Hamsey Green Lower Site. This building now provides the space for Acorns Nursery to operate from, additional space to enable us to facilitate training and professional development for all staff across the Trust and facilities which can be let for local community use as required. It also provides much needed Trust offices for the central team.

We are pleased to announce that this year we were successful in our bids to the Condition Improvement Fund (CIF), which exists to provide capital funding to schools to help keep buildings safe, compliant and in a good state of repair. We were delighted to receive positive outcomes for our bids to improve heating and carry out boiler replacement at two of our schools, increased fire precautions at two schools and improvements to security and safeguarding at another. This much needed funding significantly contributes to the Trust investment in capital works and building improvements across all of our schools.

ACORNS NURSERY

THE OPENING OF OUR BRAND NEW NURSERY



The newest addition to Tandridge Learning Trust opened its doors for the first time in September this year. Acorns Nursery has opened in response to the needs identified by parents in the Hamsey Green community who were looking for access to high quality, early years provision in a safe and caring environment.

Nikki Mace, Headteacher at Hamsey Green Primary School, worked incredibly hard with Tandridge Learning Trust to make a new nursery a reality for children and parents in our community. The turnaround to get this project up and running, whilst dealing with all the additional challenges of the pandemic, was a huge endeavour.

Our new nursery caters for children aged 2 – 4 years and also provides wraparound care. The Nursery building has undergone significant refurbishment and provides a bright, engaging and safe environment for our youngest children to learn through play.



The grounds are extensive and attractive, offering a range of high-quality play equipment and opportunities for outdoor learning. An established forest school is located on the site and funding from The National Lottery provided a sensory garden, one to which the nursery children have full access.

GOVERNANCE VACANCIES

We are currently seeking volunteers to become part of our Trust governance team. We have vacancies at Trustee level, working across the Trust and also at Local Governing Body level, supporting a particular school within the Trust. These important roles make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities and futures in your community. We need to have a balance of diversity, knowledge, skills and experience in order to be effective and we want to be sure we have representation from the entire community we serve.

Being a trustee or a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and to use and share your skills in a different environment. If you have an interest in education and some spare time, on average about 5 hours per month, then we would love to hear from you. We are a friendly and welcoming team and although currently operating virtually, we look forward to meeting face to face again soon.

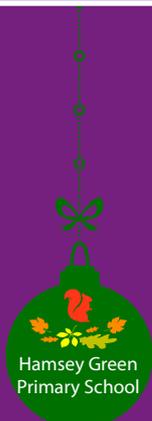
If you are interested in finding out more, please contact: info@tandridgelearningtrust.co.uk



TRUST CHRISTMAS CARD

Students from our primary schools were invited to submit Christmas card designs for the Trust's Christmas card. The winning design, chosen by the Trustees, is by Chloe who is in Year 5 at Woodlea Primary School, congratulations to Chloe!

Tandridge Learning Trust would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas, please do stay safe.



Merry
Christmas
&



HAPPY NEW YEAR