



Rode Heath Primary School

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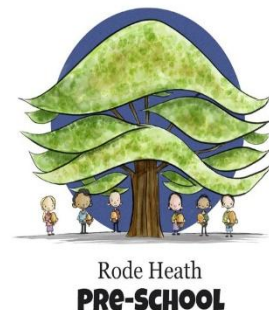
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Inspiring learning; nurturing minds; achieving for life



GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a governing body, we are very proud to continue to be part of the Rode Heath Primary School family. We are a team of 10 volunteers, each with specific roles, but all united by a shared passion for ensuring the best outcomes for the children of Rode Heath. Throughout the year, we have seen the continued development of the school's core values - teamwork, resilience, curiosity and fairness – alongside the further evolution of the hearts and minds curriculum.

The board is consistently impressed by how engaging and confident your children are; their enthusiasm shines through in every situation. As Mr Frankland ends his third year as Headteacher, we can confirm that his commitment to your children's education remains unwavering. Governors receive detailed updates on school life at each meeting from both Mr Frankland and the Senior Leadership Team. We would like to thank all staff for their dedication to the children and wider community – their hard work underpins everything the school achieves. We also want to thank you, our parents and carers, for your continued support with home learning, attendance and extra-curricular activities.

We are always delighted to hear about achievements beyond the main curriculum, and this year has been no different. During the 2025/26 academic year, children have taken part in a wide range of community events including, the One World Festival, Elf Run, Young Voices, NSPCC Number Day, World Book Day, Down Syndrome Awareness Day and several Dougie Mac Fundraisers. Our Eco Team is now fully established, and the Climate Action Plan continues to make a positive impact through increased recycling and energy-saving initiatives across the school.

STEM remains a strong focus, with children engaging in engineering projects supported by local companies. They also enjoyed Sky Arts Week and Science Ocean Week. Our sporting achievements remain impressive, with Rode Heath currently holding first place in the cross-country league and finishing as runners up in the Year 4 – 6 mixed football competition.

Music and performance are also central to school life, with Christmas, Harvest, Easter, and Summer productions involving every year group from Pre-School to Year 6. Highlights this year include a glockenspiel concert by Year 4 and a wonderful Christmas performance by the school choir. Children also took part in residential visits from Year 2 upwards. As part of our Careers Awareness initiative, many parents visited to talk about their professions, and the children showed great curiosity and asked thoughtful questions. Our extra-curricular programme has also grown, with enthusiastic participation in clubs such as yoga, choir, engineering, first aid, sports and art.

We would like to extend our thanks to the PTFA for their tireless fundraising efforts, which have helped to enhance the school grounds. The site looks fantastic, and the children are thoroughly enjoying the improvements.

Finally, thank you to all parents, carers and the wider school community for your continued support as we work together to continue to provide a safe, nurturing and exciting learning environment for our children.

If you would like to contact us, please feel free to email: chair@rodeheath.cheshire.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

Lisa Asprey and Tara Sanchez, Co-Chair of Governors

