

Annual Report of Hutton Rudby Primary School Local School Committee (LSC)

Dear Parent /Carer

It is almost a year since Hutton Rudby Primary School formally joined the Synergy Federation – a group of six primary schools maintained by the Local Authority (North Yorkshire Council) under the leadership of an executive headteacher, Mike White.

This resulted in changes to the governance of the school. There is now one governing body for the whole federation, with representatives from each school. The Synergy Governing Body appointed a Hutton Rudby Local School Committee (LSC) to carry out some duties on its behalf. All members of the current LSC were former governors of the school and the majority are parents of children at the school. More information about the LSC members is available on the school website.

The LSC meets with Mr Johnson four times each year. The role of the LSC is to monitor the work of the school, its plans for improvement and its arrangements for safeguarding through:

- Regular reports from the headteacher including termly school data
- Budget monitoring reports
- Learning walks in school which include talking to pupils to gain their views
- Curriculum presentations by staff subject leaders
- Pupil, parent and staff annual questionnaires
- Reports provided by the Local Authority including safeguarding and health & safety

The decision to federate was the result of extensive consideration by the former governing body and the LSC wanted to share the impact of a year of that federation with you.

Although many things have remained the same, there have been additional opportunities:

- Pupils meet and learn with children from the same year group, attending other federation schools. This is excellent preparation for secondary school and something we hope to develop further in the future. The visit to the Houses of Parliament by some of our pupils together with representatives from the other schools and the recent Federation Sports' Day for pupils in KS2 were both part of this development.
- Resources have been used more effectively, providing better value for money with our limited budget – a prime example is the employment of an IT expert across the federation who can respond quickly to any IT issues, and the purchase of federation licences for many online curriculum subscriptions.
- All staff have accessed more professional development in the form of training courses, and liaison with teachers from other schools who are specialists in different subjects

to those at Hutton Rudby. This helps to ensure continually improving teaching for our pupils.

- Experienced staff have had opportunities for career progression and development within Synergy which helps us to retain good, experienced staff rather than them needing to move away to progress. This has included our support staff as well as teachers.
- Our new headteacher, Mr Johnson, has had excellent support and mentorship from experienced school leaders.

In addition to federation events, Hutton Rudby staff have continued to plan and lead many exciting learning activities and events this year to enhance our curriculum and our school:

- Some great trips, including Murton Park, a local mosque, High Force, London, Houses of Parliament, Warhammer World, Bewerley Park, Big Sheep Little Cow farm, Yorkshire Wildlife Park and Saltburn Valley Gardens
- Participation in sporting events including winning medals at cricket, gym, girls football, NFL and participation in many more.
- Fantastic school plays: Reception & KS1 put on the nativity, Lower KS2 performed Wizard of Oz and Upper KS2 will be performing Shrek
- Science Week
- Sports Week
- The Sunaks came to visit Reception, Year 1 and Year 6
- Staff CPD - Miss Clark completed her NASEN course and Mrs Abrahams gained her NPQLM
- Shaun (our site manager) being Highly Commended at the cleaning, catering and caretaking awards hosted by NYES

Once again we would like to thank all our wonderful school staff and the many volunteers who support the work of the school for everything they have done and achieved for our fabulous pupils this year. We wish you and your families a very happy summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you back to school in September. Please accept our best wishes for all Year 6 pupils leaving the school – we hope they will be very happy in their new schools and take fond memories of Hutton Rudby Primary School with them.

The LSC Committee

Alison Whittaker (Chair), Adam Hodge, Katie Craddock, Scott Acklam-Hall, Emily McAdam & Ellie Templeman (staff representative).

Minutes of Synergy Governor Meetings and LSC meetings, once formally approved, are available on request to the school office. You can contact the LSC through the school office or by email to a.whittaker@synergyschools.co.uk.

