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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Discovery School is always looking for ways to work with our children and parents as part of our continuous school improvement. This year, our focus is particularly on developing systemic change to ensure the promotion of inclusion in everything we do. In order to achieve this, it is vital that we seek and listen to the views of all members of our community and we seek your help in ensuring all voices are heard, particularly those from marginalised communities.

### **Advisory Group to The Governing Body**

The School's Governing Body have developed a new and exciting opportunity to contribute to the governance of the school, without the commitment and responsibilities of being a member of the full Governing Body. We are keen to promote the input and views from a diverse range of members of our school community, particularly those that are not currently represented in the Governing Body. The Advisory Group to the Governing Body will act as a sounding board to ensure the decision-making considers all members of the school community equally.

If you are interested in being part of the Diversity Advisory Group, then please contact Julie Roe, Clerk to the Governors email: [cgovernors@discovery.kent.sch.uk](mailto:cgovernors@discovery.kent.sch.uk) who would be happy to provide you with more information.

### **Parent Partnership Group**

Parent Partnership Group (PPG) will be re-established this term and December's focus will be accessibility. Our PPG is a lively and informal group whose purpose is to gather information from the wider school community and to represent the voice of parents.

This term, we are particularly seeking the views of parents/carers with disabilities and those with English as an additional language so that we can accurately evaluate the accessibility of the school and the information we provide parents. This will then inform our accessibility plan so that we can make continuous improvements to both the physical environment and the systems in school. Each term's meeting will have a different focus and so the group is dynamic and members are welcome to attend meetings where relevant.





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This term's meeting will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9-10am. Please note due to the school's current COVID protective measures, it will be arranged virtually. Please contact the school office [office@discovery.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@discovery.kent.sch.uk) if you would like to participate so that we can send you a link.

### Diversity Council

This term, we will establish a pupil led Diversity Council in the school and will be asking the children to volunteer to become involved in whole school improvement around diversity and inclusion. The Diversity Council will be vital in the school gathering the views and hearing the experiences of our children. All children with views and ideas about diversity and inclusion will be encouraged to attend and we will be particularly seeking the views of children with SEND including neurodisabilities, those with gender differences, those with physical disabilities and those who identify as non-white. The Diversity Council will meet termly and our work will be feedback to the wider school community through assemblies and Miss Gobell's newsletter.

If you have any questions or comments about the work the school is doing to promote diversity, then please don't hesitate to contact Hannah Pullen, Head of Inclusion [hpullen@discovery.kent.sch.uk](mailto:hpullen@discovery.kent.sch.uk)

With kind regards,

Hannah Pullen (*she/her/Mrs*)

**Head of Inclusion**

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**Chair of Governors**

