

Friday 8th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: School Name Consultation

On behalf of the governing body, we wanted to write to you to inform you of the outcome of the school name consultation. On Tuesday 6th July, the governors held an extraordinary full governing body meeting to vote on whether or not to change the name of the school.

The outcome of the vote means that Rhodes Avenue Primary School will **not** be changing its name.

We acknowledge that this decision will be received in different ways by members of the community: it may be difficult for some, whilst others may welcome it. There were strong feelings on both sides of the debate and we received a number of thoughtful and heartfelt responses from so many people. We would like to thank everyone who engaged with us during the consultation process, including children, staff, parents and the local community.

The journey towards this decision has been one of learning, listening and understanding for everyone involved. As a result of the protest about the school name and the Black Lives Matter movement in 2020, the school has reviewed pupils' learning to ensure identity and inclusion threads run throughout the entire curriculum. The local history and geography unit in relation to the history of the school has been reviewed and updated. Our commitment to anti-racism has been, and will continue to be a school development priority.

As governors, we have set up coffee mornings and listening events to provide space for children and parents from diverse backgrounds. We now have an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion committee which holds strategic oversight of the school's work on all matters relating to EDI. We will continue our commitment as governors and as a school to being open, inclusive and to working towards a more positive school experience for all members of the Rhodes Avenue community.

The governors plan a permanent display on the school grounds to acknowledge the journey we have been on, to record our exploration of the history of the school name and to ensure the valuable learning that has taken place throughout this process is not lost.

If anyone would like to respond to the decision that has been made, we will be keeping the schoolname@rhodes.haringey.sch.uk email address open until the end of September 2022 for anyone who wishes to share their thoughts or feelings.

Once again, thank you to everyone who engaged with us during the consultation process.

Best wishes,

Fiona Doyle and Helen Walsh

Co-chairs of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body