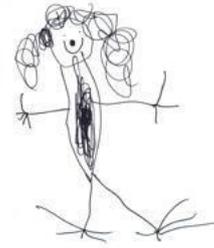


Rachel Keeling

Nursery School



Annual Report to Parents from Governors

(September 2017 to July 2018)

Dear Parents,

This has been a fantastic year for Rachel Keeling. Earlier this term our Outstanding status was confirmed by Ofsted who were impressed by our inspirational leadership and family atmosphere in which staff and the community are committed to getting the very best outcomes and well-being for our children. Their only recommendation was for us to ensure families continue to develop their understanding of the school's learning philosophy to support children further to become confident, independent and excited life-long learners beyond Rachel Keeling's gates. What a wonderful recommendation to work with and our school development plan for 2018-2019 already reflects our response to this (see the end of this letter). You can [read the Ofsted Report in full on our website](#).

For those of you unsure of what governors do, in accordance with the Government's requirement for all governing bodies, the 3 core strategic functions of the Rachel Keeling Nursery School Governing Body are: to ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; to hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; to oversee the financial performance of the school and to make sure its money is well spent.

Governors regularly visit the school as part of committee and full governing body meetings, and in addition when we come to follow up specific areas of the school's development plan. You can find out more about our constitution, individual governors and their attendance and visit records on the governor section of the website. In particular, you may find the governor's statement helpful. This year we have been specifically involved in the continuing development of the fish tank and in organising visits from our local MP, Rushanara Ali and the Mayor of Tower Hamlets, John Biggs. We regularly review children's data with the head teacher to ensure children are all making rapid progress.

If you are ever in any doubt as to what exciting experiences your children have been involved in at Rachel Keeling, you know you can look at our monthly newsletters or consult the website which has a regular blog, wonderful learning galleries and many of the children's videos. The school's continued efforts to record and publicise what we do on the website and social media is another of its great strengths. If you aren't a regular visitor to the website please do go to <http://www.rachelkeeling.towerhamlets.sch.uk/> You can also follow the school on twitter @RachelKeelingN1.

As you know, this is a challenging time for Education and Nursery Education in particular as the government continues to cut funding for our schools. In recognition of this, and to celebrate

our proud heritage as a school named after the suffragette, Rachel Keeling, who fought to give voice to women and the disadvantaged, we will be holding a Ring Around Rachel Keeling silent vigil around the school at 8.45am on the 12th July. Please join us as we hold hands around the school to show our support for the continued survival of our school and Nursery Education around the country.

If you have any questions about this report or about what governors do in our school, please don't hesitate to ask me or any of the other governors and staff. More information about the school is available on our website where you can look at more of the children's learning, our self evaluation form and policies in more detail. For the current key priorities of the School Development Plan, please see below.

If your children are about to leave Rachel Keeling, we wish you and your children all the best for the future and urge you to keep in touch.

Thank you to all our parents, carers, Governors and staff for your support in ensuring our children are able to make substantive progress in their respective learning journeys. We are outstanding because you all are too.

I hope you enjoy the Summer Trip to the beach.

Warm regards,

Rebekah Lattin-Rawstrone (Chair of Governors)

July 2018