

# Castle Vale Nursery School and Children's Centre

## Head Teacher's Report Spring 1 2021



### Jack Dromey MP

I'm sure we were all floored by the news of Jack's sudden and untimely death. Our school is one of many Maintained Nursery Schools that only still exists because of Jack.

When Maintained Nursery Schools were at risk of closure, I reached out to Jack. He took up the funding campaign and promised me five months. That was six years ago and what a rollercoaster those years have been. Throughout that time Jack campaigned tirelessly for and became the strongest and most passionate advocate for Early Years and Maintained Nursery Schools. Jack certainly kept me on my toes garnering lots of press interest, arranging rallies, supporting the best attended APPG in history and delivering petitions to Downing Street. He was hard to keep up with. I keep expecting a call or a text.

Jack often said that he did a good job at public speaking, a super star he would say but that was not so. I just listened to and learned from the best – Jack Dromey.

Jack's energy and enthusiasm was unbridled and completely infectious, no surprise to anyone who ever met or worked with him. He would fondly recall gathering signatures on Erdington High Street with a nursery head teacher in a huge teddy costume. When Jane called and asked if I would speak about Jack today she said he loved me, the feeling was entirely mutual.

We were privileged to be asked to attend Jack's funeral at St Margaret's at Westminster Abbey.

The lasting thing that I will take from Jack is that we can stand up for what we believe in, what we do matters and we can effect change. To coin a Jack phrase, I think Jack would want us to plan what we can do at the next stages to keep on campaigning. We want to honour his memory by securing long term, sustainable funding for our schools to keep changing the lives of our children because Erdington children, while lack in money, are rich in talent. I will never forget this remarkable man who became far more than our local MP. Thank you Jack.



	Autumn 2021	Spring 2021	Spring 2022
Census numbers			
<b>Total number of children</b>	131	152	154
<b>Number of Free School Meals</b>	39	65	52
<b>Pupil Premium</b>	39	65	52 (103 inc. 2yos 67%)
<b>Children entitled to 3 year old 15 hours universal funding</b>	79	107	102
<b>Of those, how many entitled to additional 15 hours (30 hours with code)</b>	30	23	36
<b>Children entitled to 15 hours 2 year old funding</b>	47	43	51
<b>2 year olds paying for hours</b>	1	2	1
<b>Children Topping up (extra 15 Hours £75per week)</b>	5	4	5
<b>Looked After Children (LAC) or post LAC - now called Children in Care (CIC)</b>	0	5	0
<b>Children with English as an additional Language (EAL)</b>	12	10	12
<b>Number of children who have deferred entry to school</b>	0	2	0
<b>Children subject to a Child Protection plan or Child in Need</b>	2	7	2
<b>Children with Early Help Plans</b>	2	0	9
<b>Children on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities register (SEND)</b>	45	54	33
<b>Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)</b>	2	3	3 completed 6 in process 5 to start
<b>Number of fixed or permanent exclusions</b>	0	0	0

### Developing Local Provision Project

The DLP project is moving forward - please see attached documents. We have had the application forms agreed (but not funded - yet). The district leads meet every week to action plan and move forward. We are working with 2 other Head Teachers to lead on the DLP district North cluster of Erdington, Sutton and Perry Barr.

We are currently recruiting Inclusion Hub Project Co-ordinators for the 3 districts and Level 3 SENDCO award and Level 2 SENDCO award training. We are also working with the Children's Centre on Step by Step universal stay and plays across the cluster.

We are still supporting the roll out of Wellcomm and the Birmingham Early Years Networks for Erdington and Sutton Districts.

#### Other news....

Maths Champions  
Language Champions  
LIVERLEY  
Oracy Project

Early Years Forum  
Birmingham Transition Project  
SEND Improvement Board  
Early Help Strategic Group

And more.....