

## **Governors' Report to Parents and Carers December 2017**

I'm pleased to introduce the second report of the academic year 2017-18 on the work of the governing body.

### **Full Governing Body**

The Full Governing Body met late November this term. Our aim is to be rigorous in our approach to supporting and challenging the school. We scrutinised impact reports and endorsed subsequent action plans for Quality of Teaching and Learning, Personal Development, Behaviour and Wellbeing as well as Leadership. We also gave detailed attention to English and mathematics. One area identified for improvement at the end of the summer was that governors need a week prior to meetings to read material thoroughly. As a result we were able to hold a more robust discussion than previously on pupil progress and attendance.

We also reviewed school policies related to safeguarding including e-safety. These policies can be found on the school website. The head has taken responsibility for leading safeguarding whilst Mrs Nunn is on maternity leave and we heard that the code of conduct will be updated to include volunteers and student teachers.

### **Finance Committee**

Margaret Hunt, Chair of Finance Committee writes: the Finance Committee met on 28<sup>th</sup> November to scrutinise the latest budget monitoring reports prepared by the School's Business Manager. The committee was advised where transfers between budget cost centres had been necessary to accommodate recent pay awards and was satisfied that the school will achieve a balanced end of year budget. The committee takes seriously its responsibility to ensure value for money from services received and was pleased to note that the School Business Manager is researching alternative service providers where we might receive better value for money. These will be considered at our meeting in January.

### **Performance and Standards Committee**

The Performance and Standards Committee met in December, a week after the Full Governing Body meeting. Further discussion was had about pupil performance, both attainment and progress, across the school. It was agreed that an attendance policy should be written and this will be discussed at the next Full Governing Body. In addition, it was agreed that the information presented in an external data report of school performance had already been acknowledged by governors when SATS results were considered at the end of the last academic year. The subject leader for science reported on the evaluation of the block one action plan and governors received the action plan for block two. The committee discussed the work of the school's anti-bullying group and actions for governors were agreed. Finally, several policies relating to staff were reviewed and approved.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for a Happy New Year and, for those to whom it applies, Happy Christmas.

*Angela Hope*, Chair of Governors

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