

## **Governors' Report to Parents and Carers May 2016**

The full governing body met on 10<sup>th</sup> May primarily to scrutinise reports prepared by the head teacher in order to help us evaluate the impact of improvement actions implemented between February and May this year. We also endorsed improvement plans that will take us up to the end of the school year. The governing body and the Senior Leadership team consider this model of school improvement planning, monitoring and evaluation to be robust in ensuring that financial and staffing resources are targeted at areas of greatest need throughout the school year.

We also considered the responses received to the parents' questionnaire by the end of April and were pleased to note the very positive views of the school across all areas. A summary of all responses received by the end of May will be sent to all parents and carers and the head teacher will advise you of any actions being taken in response to suggestions made.

The meeting of the Performance and Standards committee centred on scrutinising the work of the school in English, Maths, and science, including those children who have special needs. . We looked at evaluations of past initiatives and plans to improve pupil outcomes in the future. We were impressed by the reflective nature of the subject leaders and how passionate they were in driving up standards in their subjects. We accepted the difficulty the school has in judging the assessments made on pupils' work against national criteria, due to the changes made by the Government in recent months.

We also looked at the work being done in teaching a modern foreign language (Japanese) and considered the difficulties associated with this subject. We were pleased to see that the teaching of R.E. was a valued part of the school curriculum. Governors received an update on the 'Achievement for All' programme which has helped many children achieve higher standards in their work. Governors reviewed and agreed the School Sex Education policy, and also 5 other staff related employment policies.

The resources committee met on 18<sup>th</sup> May when governors spent time considering the spending plan for the 2016-17 financial year as well as reviewing a number of finance and premises related policies to ensure that they were still relevant. We were also made aware of the outcomes of a conditions survey undertaken earlier in the year and considered progress being made against the maintenance plan and the school's accessibility plan.

Finally, a reminder that the minutes of all governing body meetings are public documents. If you wish to see the full minutes of any of the meetings referred to in this report please ask for a copy at the school office.

*Margaret Hunt*, Chair of Governors

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