

Governors' Report to Parents and Carers October 2017

I'm delighted to introduce the first report of the academic year 2017-18 on the work of the governing body. At the time of writing three formal governing body meetings have taken place: Full Governing Body, Performance and Standards and Finance.

Full Governing Body

The governing body were pleased to scrutinise our SATs results and compare them with Local Authority and National averages. We noted that in a number of areas Holbrook results are above the national average and, furthermore, the school achieved above the floor standards, set by the government, last year. It was a pleasure to congratulate both pupils and staff on these results. The governing body also agreed areas for improvement and these are identified in the Strategic Development Plan that can now be found on the school website.

Governors also approved the self-assessment for 2016/17 and confirmed that our rating is 'good' in all areas namely: pupil outcomes, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare and leadership and management.

We also finalised our annual governance statement summarising our work during the academic year 2016 – 17. This statement can be found on the website; it provides a summary of our work last academic year and the progress with our priorities. Additionally, we have identified our priorities for the coming academic year too.

Performance and Standards

Michelle Frisby, Chair of Performance and Standards Committee writes: the first meeting of the performance and standards committee for this year was held in October. The subject leaders of the core subjects, English, Maths and Science presented their respective subject action plans for block one. The committee also received information about subject leader delegation of the foundation subjects for this year which included details of how information would be presented to governors for further scrutiny. The Deputy Head teacher presented a detailed report on the spending and impact of pupil premium funds for the last academic year and the initiatives for this academic year. Succession planning for the Deputy Head Teacher's maternity leave was discussed and agreed by governors.

Finance

Margaret Hunt, Chair of Finance Committee writes: the Finance Committee met on 10th October, when its members approved adjustments, which can be afforded within the current financial year, to make the school more accessible for individuals with visual impairments. The committee also approved the purchase of a package that would enable the school website information to be translated into a range of different languages. The committee scrutinised the budget monitoring reports prepared by the School's Business Manager and will be monitoring the budget carefully over the next few months to be assured that the school will achieve a balanced budget at the end of the financial year. The committee also approved a revised charging policy which can be found on the school's website, alongside other school policies.

Angela Hope, Chair of Governors

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