



GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lifelong love of learning



Headteacher: Mrs Kayleigh Anstee

Date: 22nd May 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

The Governing Full Board met on 20th May 2024. At the meeting the minutes of our 25th March 2024 meeting were approved and are now available on the [Governor Page of the school website](#) along with lots of other useful information about governance including governor profiles.

At the meeting governors discussed recent governor monitoring visits:

- **Safeguarding** - where the lead Safeguarding Governor concluded that safeguarding is at the centre of Gateway Primary School, where children's safety and needs are put first to allow them to access education and make progress. Children are listened to and feel safe and supported. All concerns are taken seriously and reported appropriately, and staff are well equipped with up-to-date training.
- **Governor learning walk** where the Chair of Governors concluded that there have been continuous improvements across the school linked to the focus areas in our School Development Plan including in the quality of the learning environment (including the utilisation of the new Smart Boards in classrooms), the use of TAs and the consistency across the classes and school. In addition, it was confirmed that the school environment for our pupils continues to be of high quality and the culture of the school remains as one which is focussed on the needs of the pupils, providing a caring and nurturing environment, ensuring pupils have pride in their school and a passion for learning allowing them to achieve the very best they can.
- **SATs Administration:** where the Learning and Teaching Deputy Governor confirmed that the KS2 SATs were administered according to the statutory rules, all pupils were in school and joined breakfast club, supported each other and approached the tests calmly and confidently. It also confirmed that the school continues to use KS1 SATs for internal tracking and planning purposes.

Governors discussed staff and pupil attendance at the meeting and noted that a recent outbreak of chickenpox has impacted pupil attendance; we wish all affected pupils a speedy recovery. Governors also reviewed and agreed school targets and the most recent school data to ensure we are being aspirational about the pupil's achievements and supporting the school to achieve these.

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WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP! We have one parent governor position still vacant despite the recent campaigns which is a serious issue for us as a board we also have 1 co-opted Governor vacancy which we urgently need to fill- it is really important that our community is represented on the Governing Board and that we have a full governing board with a diverse range of life experiences - if you would like to know more or apply then please review the information [here](#) or email me: kmoyes@gateway.oxon.sch.uk for a chat. If it is not something you are interested in, please do help us to flag the parent vacancy to other parents and share the co-opted vacancy with your networks. It is important that we have parents on the Governing Board and have a good mix of skills, experiences, and perspectives.

We know it takes a whole community to grow a child and at Gateway Primary School we have a truly fantastic community. Governors are clear that the success of our school is a whole community effort and so thank you all for your ongoing dedication and support for our school. As a result, Gateway Primary School is a unique and special place for our pupils and continues to have a very positive reputation in our community (as evidenced in our increasing pupil numbers). Please do continue to share the school's good news with your friends, family, and networks. Governors would also like to give a special thanks to the GSA who continue to organise fantastic events, (including the upcoming colour run and summer fete) raising much needed funds for the school, used to support our pupils during these financially challenging times for schools.

As always if you have any questions about governance at your school then please do reach out to me on kmoyes@gateway.oxon.sch.uk.

Best wishes,



Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors

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