



GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lifelong love of learning



Headteacher: Mrs Kayleigh Anstee

Date: 27th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Full Board met on 25th March 2024. At the meeting the minutes of our 29th January 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 gave thanks to Emma Smith who will step down as a governor at the end of March and to Mike Caffrey who stepped down as Co-Chair (but will remain as a governor). An election was held for the Chair position, and I was delighted to be appointed as your new Chair of Governors (a position I have held before and so you will be in safe hands).

Governors discussed the recent investment in upgrading the smartboards in all our classrooms and heard about the difference this is making to the quality of the teaching experience and our pupils learning. Governors discussed the school budget which remains a real challenge given the ongoing increases in costs for the school including energy; governors were pleased to hear of the plans to install solar panels which over the long-term will deliver a saving for the school and positively contribute towards our school budget. Recent governor monitoring of the budget showed that the school continues to manage the budget very well ensuring that we are getting the best value for money and the funds we receive are used to have the biggest possible impact on pupil outcomes. Governors also gave thanks to the GSA for their continued hard work and efforts in raising much needed additional funding for the school which makes a real difference to our pupils.

Our Learning and Teaching Governor reported on her recent monitoring of the effectiveness of pupil progress meetings; these an opportunity for school leaders and teachers to review the academic and wider progress of the pupils in their class. The monitoring showed that these meetings are effective in ensuring leaders and teachers understand the position of each pupil and that relevant support is put in place to enable their achievement. Governors were also pleased to hear about the success of the breakfast and afterschool clubs; it is great that so many pupils are attending these and having such positive experiences.

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WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP! We have one parent governor position still vacant despite the recent campaign 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 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 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 school is a unique and special place for our pupils and continues to have a very positive reputation in our community (as evident by our increasing pupil numbers). Please do continue to share the school's good news with your friends, family, and networks.

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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