

## **Governor Communication – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

Dear Parents

We hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits as we dive into the exciting new school year! We wanted to take a moment to update you on the latest meeting of the Gateway Board of Governors, who met on Monday, 2nd October, to discuss various matters that impact our pupils' education and well-being.

During the meeting, the Board focused on three key areas: school staffing, budget review, and monitoring plans for the upcoming year. It is our priority to ensure that our teaching staff are equipped with the necessary resources and support to provide the best educational experience for our children.

In regards to school staffing, the Board engaged in thoughtful discussions to guarantee that we have a strong team of teaching staff who are passionate about nurturing and inspiring our pupils. By carefully considering the needs of each classroom, we aim to maintain an environment where learning thrives.

The budget review was another vital topic on the agenda. The Board diligently assessed the current state of our budget, as well as its forecast for the future. This thorough examination ensures that our school's financial resources are allocated wisely, benefiting all areas of our pupils' education and extracurricular activities.

Furthermore, the Board dedicated time to refine the monitoring plans for the school year. These plans are designed to challenge our teaching staff, aligning their efforts with the School Development and Improvement Plan and the agreed strategic objectives. By continuously monitoring our progress, we can identify areas of growth and implement strategies to enhance the educational journey for our students.

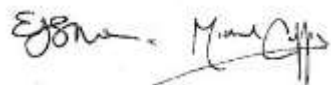
We are thrilled to share that during the meeting, the governors were pleased to appoint two new parent governors to the board. These dedicated individuals will bring fresh perspectives and insights to our team, starting their roles in November. We believe that their involvement will further strengthen our commitment to involving parents in the decision-making process and ensuring that our school truly represents the needs and aspirations of our community.

Rest assured, that our Board of Governors is committed to making decisions that prioritise the well-being and success of our children. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers who work tirelessly alongside the school teaching and support staff to ensure our school remains a nurturing and thriving environment for learning.

As always, we encourage open communication between parents, staff, and the Board. If you have any questions or would like further information on the topics discussed during the meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out to us or have a look at the Governors area of the school's website.

Thank you for your continued support in making Gateway School a place where our students can shine brightly and reach their full potential.

Best wishes

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Mike Caffrey and Emma Smith

Co-Chairs of Governors