



GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs Kayleigh Anstee

Date: 20th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Full Board met on 19th June 2023. At the meeting the minutes of our 15th May 2023 meeting were approved and are now available on the [Governor Page of the school website](#) along with lots of other useful information about governance.

At our meeting governors discussed and reviewed our budget which is a balanced budget over the three-year budget period. Governors were pleased to hear about a continuing increase in our school role which is due to our fantastic reputation in the community and our 'Good' Ofsted rating. Governors discussed recent Governor Monitoring which covered a broad range of areas including inclusion, curriculum, data, and Safeguarding; all visits were extremely positive, and it was clear that the school leadership team and colleagues continue to strive everyday for the very best for our pupils and, following our Ofsted inspection, have continued to embed and deliver improvements for our pupils.

Governors also want to give a special thanks to the members of GSA for their amazing contribution to the school this year including the recent colour run which was an amazing success and raised a significant sum of money which will benefit our pupils. Governors are very grateful for the GSA member's time, commitment, and efforts for our school.

At our meeting Governors evaluated the impact of governance for the 22-23 academic year; we concluded (as confirmed by Ofsted) that we have effectively supported and held the leadership team to account and governors have directly contributed to school improvement. We have conducted a broad range of monitoring this year which covers all our School Development Plan (priority) areas as well as all statutory and best practice governance areas and we have met nearly all the Governor objectives we set in July 2022 for this academic year. Looking forward into 23-24 we will be focussed on:

- Filling our governor vacancies
- Planning community engagement around our school vision, ethos, and values
- Looking at the schools' long-term vision (5 years plus)
- How governors can build stronger engagement with the broad range of community groups associated with the school.

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WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP! All of our parent governor positions are currently vacant (three in total) 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 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 has gained a very positive reputation in our community. Please do continue to share the school's good news with your friends, family, and networks so we can continue our amazing growth and journey together.

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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