



GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lifelong love of learning

19th May 2023

Dear Staff, Volunteers, Parents and Carers,

The Governing Full Board met on 15th May 2023, at the meeting the minutes of our 13th March 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 School Improvement and most notably our recent Ofsted report which graded the school as Good Overall and in each Ofsted Category:

- The quality of education - Good
- Behaviour and attitudes - Good
- Personal development - Outstanding
- Leadership and management - Good
- Early years provision - Good

Governors are overjoyed with the Ofsted outcome which is a true testament to the incredible hard work, commitment and dedication of all colleagues, parents, carers, and the wider school community, so thank you! It is so positive that Ofsted have recognised our incredible school and the unique and special place it is. Governors were especially pleased that the school achieved 'outstanding' for personal development which validates the incredible pastoral support and care we give to our pupils at Gateway. Governors also gave special thanks to Mrs Anstee for her incredible leadership and commitment to get us to this point, she role models our school values and strives everyday to deliver the very best for our pupils and colleagues.

Governors were also pleased to hear that our pupil numbers continue to increase and we are now oversubscribed in September for the entry level classes in school. This will ensure that as a school we will continue to grow and to have a sustainable future. We still have places available in other year groups so please do help us by sharing good news about our school with your networks.

Governors also discussed the SATS week and were pleased to hear that our pupils had worked so hard towards them and completed the tests with pride and confidence. Governors attended the school during the week to monitor the administration of the tests and reported on the exemplary behaviour of our pupils and that all tests were administered as per the statutory requirements. Governors also gave thanks for colleagues in school who have worked hard to support our pupils in the run up to the SATs ensuring that they were set up for success.

We need your help! We currently have 3 parent governor vacancies and 1 co-opted Governor vacancy which we urgently need to fill- it is really important that our community is represented on the Governing Board, that we have a diverse range of life experiences and our governance remains impactful and sustainable - if you would like to know more, or apply, then please review the information [here](#). 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 Governors 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. This continues to be evidenced through our increasing pupil role - please do continue to share the school's good news with your friends, family, and networks so we can continue our amazing growth.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Moyes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors