



GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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16th December 2022

Dear Staff, Volunteers, Parents and Carers,

The Governing Full Board met on 12th December 2022, at the meeting the minutes of our 7th November 2022 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 a wide range of topics including recent internal monitoring, external notes of visits (from our LA School Improvement Lead and other professionals), summary of lesson observations and our current school performance data all of which continues to show a very positive picture for our school. Governors also received an update from the Safeguarding Governor following a recent monitoring visit to review our statutory annual safeguarding self-audit which we are required to submit to the LA Safeguarding Team. The safeguarding Governor reported that the evidence reviewed and discussions with our DSL showed that we continue to have a culture of safeguarding at our school with all required systems, processes, and procedures in place to ensure the safety of our pupils. Governors passed on their thanks to Mrs Gardner and other staff members for the amazing work they do in this important area.

Governors were also pleased to hear about the school's second residential visit to Yenworthy which took place in the previous week and sounded like a fantastic success judging from the photos and enthusiasm of the pupils who went - it is so positive for the school to be able to undertake such trips again.

As per my previous communications, we currently have two parent governor vacancies and one co-opted Governor vacancy which we urgently need to fill- it is critical 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](#). 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 enough parents on the Governing Board and have a good mix of skills, experiences, and perspectives. I appreciate that many of us are going through very challenging times now but anything you can do to help with this would be much appreciated.

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.

Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to all staff and volunteers who have worked incredibly hard this year despite the massive challenges faced. The commitment and dedication of the team in school is amazing and Governors really value and appreciate all the team do for the children. Governors would also like to thank all Parents and Carers for their ongoing support and help for the school - including the GSA, who have tirelessly fundraised for the school this year. Their efforts have ensured the 'extras' such as housepoint stars and school panto are not squeezed out of our children's school experience.

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.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas/end of year break and I look forward to our journey ahead in 2023!

Best wishes,

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

Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors