



# GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lifelong love of learning

29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Staff, Volunteers, Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely summer (although a distant memory now!) and a warm welcome to our new staff, parents, and pupils, it is great to have you with us as part of the Gateway family. The start of term has been extremely positive for our pupils with the upgrades to the playground made in the later part of the last school year now in full use.

The Governing Full Board met on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for the first meeting of the academic year. At the meeting the minutes of our 11<sup>th</sup> July 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 and approved the updated Self Evaluation Form (which gives a summary of the school's strengths and development areas) and the updated School Development Plan (which details the school's priority focus areas). Based on all the external and internal evidence, including governor monitoring, the Self Evaluation confirms that our school remains 'good' across all areas (Quality of Education, Behaviours and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management and Early Years Provision). The Governors also agreed our ambitious pupil targets for the 2022-23 academic year.

Governors were pleased to visit the new early years classroom following the building work over the summer holidays - it is now a light and engaging space with a much-improved outdoor learning environment which meets the needs of our pupils. Governors also praised and thanked Mrs Anstee and her team for all their efforts last year including supporting our pupils to achieve such good SATs results, ongoing school improvements and significant increases in our pupil numbers which are all testament to their hard work and dedication.

I have also been into school over the last few weeks to undertake a governor learning walk and Safeguarding Monitoring Visit. I found the school environment to be calm and highly engaging with all pupils focussed on their learning, enjoying what they were doing. All pupils I spoke to said there is not anything they would change about their school. The significant work on the provision of the wider curriculum was also evident across the school and through my discussions with pupils. Safeguarding at our school was found to be rigorous and robust, there is a safeguarding culture in school which ensures our pupils are safe and cared for. Our school offers fantastic pastoral care to our pupils, and I could see evidence of the impact of this through my monitoring.

We currently have 2 parent governor vacancies and 1 co-opted Governor vacancy which we urgently need to fill - 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 parents on the Governing Board and have a good mix of skills, experiences, and perspectives.

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.

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](mailto:kmoyes@gateway.oxon.sch.uk).

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**