



# GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lifelong love of learning

16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Staff, Volunteers, Parents and Carers,

The Governing Full Board met on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 for their March meeting. At the meeting the minutes of our January 2022 meeting were approved and are available on the [Governor Page of the school website](#) along with lots of other useful information about governance.

Before the meeting all governors had a tour of the school and discussed the plans to open the EYFS class spaces. Governors were struck with the ongoing significant improvements in the learning environment for our pupils. The classes were all well organised with Maths and English working walls, working spaces set up in a purposeful way and consistent displays across the school of a very high standard which really showcased the fantastic work of our pupils across our rich and wide curriculum. The importance and ongoing focus on reading across the school was evident in the library spaces which have been created to provide fantastic reading focussed spaces for our pupils.

At our meeting governors reviewed 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). We also reviewed the latest pupil performance data which helped along with governing monitoring outside of the meeting to give us a good picture of where our school is and if we are on track to achieve our goals. Governors discussed a wide range of other topics including the preparations of our budget plans to be approved by the Full Governing Board in April 2022. Governors were pleased to hear the pre-Covid pupil enrichment activities such as school trips, visitors to school and sports tournaments are now back in place and the high level of enjoyment and learning pupils are getting from these.

**Overall, from the meeting the governors felt there is clear evidence to show:**

- A stable and impactful leadership Team which continuous to develop and grow to deliver even more for our pupils.
- Upward and improving trends across the school including in our school data.
- Offering of a rich and broad curriculum to our pupils as well as great life experiences.
- A truly inclusive school which cares and nurtures all pupils to achieve the very best they can, including positive and impactful community engagement; we heard of the success of a recent Hang out at the Hanger session where we had great attendance as well as increasing attendance in our wrap around care sessions and the positive impact this is having on our pupils.
- Outcomes in Maths and English books are strong. We have clear ongoing plans in place to achieve absolute consistency across the school in pupil's topic books, so pupils take as much pride in these as their Maths and English books.

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 would like

to thank all staff and volunteers for their incredible hard work and dedication in driving rapid school improvement and always striving for more for our pupils despite the unprecedented challenges. Governors would also like to thank parents and carers for their engagement, help and support for the school which makes a tremendous difference

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**