



GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lifelong love of learning

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7th June 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Volunteers,

The full Governing Board met on 25th May 2021, at the meeting the minutes from the April budget meeting were approved and these are now available [here](#). At the meeting governors discussed a wide range of topics including reviewing the school pupil outcomes data and reviewing the external reports including on Safeguarding, Service Pupil Premium funding and learning and teaching. **Governors are pleased with the continued progress the school is making against our School Development Plan** and that we had a very **positive Local Authority safeguarding audit**. Governors would like to **thank staff and volunteers** for their hard work and commitment to the children of our school.

At the meeting, governors also discussed school absence and were concerned to see the number of sessions missed by children due to unauthorised absence since the school re-opened. Governors know that Mrs Anstee and her team are working hard to tackle this but wanted to take this opportunity to remind all parents of the importance of good attendance and that government studies have shown that even **1-2 days of absence in a school year can have an impact on the outcomes for children**.

I am also pleased to announce that two parent governors have now been elected to join the Governing Board – **Sarah King and Susann Polley will join the board later this month** - I will share their photos and biographies with you once ready. This means we still **have one parent governor vacancy**. I appreciate that many of us are extremely busy but would ask you to please consider this opportunity for the benefit of the children. Being a governor is a great way to develop and learn new transferable skills and it has certainly helped me in my career. You can find further information on the parent governor vacancy [here](#).

We also **still have a Co-Opted Governor vacancy**, the details can be found [here](#) – I would be grateful if you could please share this with your professional and personal networks to help us secure a strong candidate.

All new governors will be full supported in learning the role and we will ensure the time commitment works for them. If you would like to discuss the parent governor opportunity, then please do contact me and we can arrange a time to discuss.

Governors would really like to hear from parents to understand how things are going from their perspective and what more we can do to ensure every family has a positive experience at our school – this will give us useful insights to build into our plans for next year. If you are a parent at the school, **please take 5 minutes to complete the short online survey** which can be accessed [here](#) – search for Gateway Primary School

If you have any questions about governance, or any questions or comments, then please do email me directly: kmoyes@gateway.oxon.sch.uk

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Moyes', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors