



GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lifelong love of learning

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Chair of Governors: **Mr Kevin Moyes**

16th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The full Governing Board met on 15th December 2020 for the last meeting of the year. At the meeting, the minutes of the Full Governing Board meeting of 3rd November 2020 were approved and are now available on the [Governor Information Page](#) on the school website. This page also contains photos and biographies of your governors as well as all governor documents and communications, so please do take some time to review the page to learn more about governance at your school.

We are now at the end of the most challenging year in the school's history not to mention for our families and us - we have done tremendously well in minimising the impact on the children and ensuring they remained positive and engaged with their learning.

This year a new Governing Board was formed, governors have worked closely with the school leadership team to set the priorities and direction of travel for the school. They have monitored progress, including through in-school monitoring visits, supported, and challenged the school leadership to ensure rapid progress continues. We now have Mrs Anstee as the Interim Headteacher (with recruitment starting in the new year for a September 2021 start) which has all given us much needed stability to the school. The Local Authority has recently confirmed that they are happy with the progress we are making, and governors are confident that we have all of the right elements to make our school successful for the children.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment and support for the children and the school - it has made a tremendous difference to the children.

We know that it takes a whole community to raise a child and so your continued support and engagement in 2021 will be vital to achieving success for the Children. As the school community, we all have a common goal to **ensure our school is the very best it came be, that our children are happy, love school, thrive and leave our school as well rounded individuals ready to face the challenges ahead.** As governors, every decision and action we take is driven by the fundamental question **“what is best for the children?”** We are also guided by our school aim to ensure **children have a lifelong love of learning** which as roles models for the children, we must all support.

We have an urgent need to recruit some parent governors (at the moment we do not have any and parent governors play an essential role on governing boards). Please review the information on the governor page – available [here](#) and complete the process if interested. You do not need any prior governor experience as you will be trained and fully inducted. If you would like to speak to me about it, to learn more then please do email me and we can arrange a call.

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

As always if you are a parent or carer and have any specific concerns related to your child, then you should first discuss these with the class teacher and then if needed with Mrs Anstee. If you are still not satisfied at this point, with this outcome, then you can raise it with me, and I will ensure it is dealt with fairly and following the relevant school policies.

Governors would like to wish you a happy Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to 2021!

Best wishes,

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

Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors