



# GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Lifelong love of learning**

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21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The full Governing Board met for their first meeting of the Academic year on 29th September 2020. At the meeting the minutes of the Full Governing Board meeting of 14th July 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.

At the meeting we covered a wide range of topics including: School data, Budgets (including the use of funding for specific pupil groups) and the recent Local Authority Safeguarding Audit – governors were very pleased with the results with only a small number of very minor actions noted. Governors also approved all statutory and best practice governor documents as well as the School Evaluation Form (which summarises the current strength and development areas for the school) and the School Development Plan (which summarises the main priority areas for the Leadership Team which the Governors will use to hold the school leaders to account). Overall, governors were pleased with the progress which is being made and can already see positive improvements happening, but of course there is still more to do!

Governors approved a new governor structure – Governance without committees – this means that the Full Governing Board will meet 9-10 times per year instead of the usual 5-6 and there will not be any sub-committees (apart from the statutory Head Teacher Appraisal and Pay Committee). This structure will enable the governing board to be more effective and to be able to move at pace to deliver positive change in school.

I have now conducted 2 governor monitoring visits where I spent time in all of the classrooms. The pupil behaviour during my visit was excellent and pupils were clearly proud of their school, engaged and positive about the work they were doing. I also noted the consistent use of the Zones of regulation and the Maths and English working walls which were great to see and did not note any Safeguarding or Health and Safety Concerns. Governors are finalising their annual monitoring schedule at the moment to ensure regular governor monitoring takes place in alignment with the School

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Development Plan and the Governor Annual Objectives which we will set at our next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

Following my last letter, unfortunately we do have not receive any nominations for our 3 Parent Governor Vacancies – it is really important that we have parent governors on the Governing Board and so would encourage you to review the [Parent Governor Pack](#) and to consider nominating yourself or another parent (with their consent).

So far we have only received 14 parent view questionnaire responses – it is really important that we hear your voice in order to the Governing Board to understand where we are today, I would be grateful if you would please spend 5 minutes completing the [Parent View questionnaire](#) (please ensure you search for Gateway Primary School). Please complete the survey by **1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**. Governors will then review the results at the next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. This will help us to identify the key areas which are important to you and finalise our priorities for this academic year.

We know that it takes a whole community to raise a child and so your continued support and engagement will be key 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.

If you have any questions about governance, or any questions or comments, then please do email me directly: [kmoyes@gateway.oxon.sch.uk](mailto: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 in accordance with the relevant school policies.

I look forward to meeting you and your children in due course.

Best wishes,



**Kevin Moyes**  
**Chair of Governors**