



Governor Update – March 2015

Dear Parents

Our Governing Board are keen to ensure that you, as parents, are kept up to date with the work that they do in school. Therefore, they have decided that, following each Full Governing Board meeting that they will send out an update. Below is the update for Spring 2 2015.

Since the last meeting governors undertook training on the new assessment procedures and have visited the school to look at Behaviour & Safety, Teaching & Learning and Teacher Appraisal.

Last week:

- Governors were sad to hear the news that Mrs Godfrey would be resigning from her post as Headteacher at Orsett at the end of the summer term. As the letter sent by the Chair of Governors explained, we as a Governing Board are equally saddened by this news but fully understand the reasons behind it. We did try to convince her to stay!!
- The Governing Board looked at succession planning and agreed that Miss Jones would take on the interim post of Acting Headteacher until a substantive Headteacher has been appointed.
- Mrs Godfrey gave updates in the key areas of Achievement, Teaching & Learning, Behaviour & Safety, Leadership & Management and Finance, Premises & Personnel.
- Governors looked at the results from the parent questionnaire. A big thank you to all parents who completed the survey, it is good to hear your views and how we can move forward as a school. Your comments were overwhelmingly positive and have been noted. A big thank you, on behalf of the governors, to all staff for their hard work in the school.
- As part of the work of the Governing Board, it is our duty to receive reports on incidents or concerns within the school. Governors are pleased to announce that there have been no reported incidents of bullying or racism at the school this academic year and the school always investigates any concerns immediately working with the parents and children. As always, should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to see your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team as soon as possible so that they are able to investigate this immediately.
- This term, the school will be setting the budget for the next financial year starting April 2015. Governors received a report from the school and began to discuss how the money should be spent next year.
- Governors provided reports from their visits and looked at the next steps for development in these areas, as well as the focus for their work.

Governor's next tasks are:

- to attend training as part of the partnership of schools with Horndon-on-the-Hill and Bulphan on 'Holding the School to Account'.
- to attend the Thurrock Governor Conference.
- to create a strategic plan for governance, including succession planning for the Senior Leadership Team.
- to undertake tasks as working parties and feedback to the Full Governing Board at the next meeting in May 2015.