

December 2016

Dear Parents,

The Governing Board are keen to ensure that you, as parents, are kept up to date with the work that we do in school. Therefore, following each Full Governing Board meeting, we will send out an update. Below is an update of the work undertaken in autumn 2016.

Since the beginning of the autumn term, Governors have undertaken training in the following areas:

- Safer recruitment;
- Child Protection;
- Effective Monitoring;
- FGM.

In addition, Governors have visited the school to:

- Carry out the performance management of the Headteacher;
- Discuss and agree to the school becoming an academy;
- Attend a Curriculum Committee meeting;
- Attend Admissions Committee meetings and appeals;
- Discuss and agree changes to the admissions policy, including timings for consultation;
- Undertake a Safeguarding audit;
- Attend a Finance, Personnel, Pay & Premises meeting;

And, as some of us are also parents/carers, we have attended many events in the school and church.

At the Full Governing Body meeting last week Governors:

- Welcomed our new parent Governor, Jay Redsell;
- Discussed Governor vacancies;
- Completed a skills audit to aid Governor recruitment and ensure we have the right skills;
- Received an update from the Headteacher including staffing changes for spring 2017.
- Reviewed the School Improvement Plan;
- Reviewed and ratified the Volunteer, Governor Allowances, Anti-bullying, Marking, Debt Recovery & Managing Sickness and Absence.
- Ensured they were clear about the expectations in the Keeping Children Safe in Education (November 2016) document;
- Received a report from the Safeguarding Link Governor;
- Agreed the holiday and INSET dates for the school year 2017-2018;

Governor's next tasks for the Spring 2017 term are to:

- Undertake tasks as committees and feedback to the Full Governing Board at the next meeting in March 2017.
- Carry out online training to support them in their roles as Governors.
- Set the budget for the next financial year starting April 2017;
- Recruit one LA Governor & one Foundation Governor;

Details of Governors can be found on the school's website, including Pen Portraits from all of the Governors.