



GOVERNING BODY IMPACT STATEMENT 2023-2024

FULL GOVERNING BODY

- ✓ Ensured the School Improvement Plan priorities have driven the actions of Governors and school leadership.
- ✓ Used constructive feedback and challenged the Headteacher to clarify purpose of actions and ensure a positive impact on school improvement priorities.
- ✓ Ensured changes in Governing Body leadership have maintained consistency and focus within the Governing Body.
- ✓ Helped facilitate and approve the permanent appointment of a Deputy Headteacher.
- ✓ Ensured robust systems and consultancy led to a successful new catering agreement with DOLCE.
- ✓ Contributed to the development of the school's Core Values.
- ✓ Reviewed good practice in developing a Governing Body strategic plan and identifying priorities from 2024 to 2027.
- ✓ In depth discussion on SIP priorities encouraged SLT and staff to maintain high focus on topic and ensure SIP is up to date and relevant

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

- ✓ Thorough policy reviews and scrutiny leading to robust policies, more relevant to practice and 100% policy compliance.
- ✓ Ensuring the school follow through on School Improvement Plan priorities EYFS and Maths to create a better environment and education for pupils.
- ✓ Positive results from a Governor's work within school. During the Summer term, he worked 4 days a week with key groups of pupils from Key Stage 2 doing Maths and English in the mornings and engaging pupils in more holistic and pastoral projects in the afternoons, e.g. art, pottery, crafts, baking and gardening. This has been a great success, built up relationships and helped enrich the lives of the children.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

- ✓ The Committee have used set agendas effectively to ensure that school leaders are challenged and supported against priorities set in the School Improvement Plan and the Committee's Terms of Reference.
- ✓ In depth discussions on policies resulted in effective use throughout the school.
- ✓ Triangulation through visits and reports from the school's School Improvement Plan have supported the monitoring of the school's safeguarding practices and ensured they continue to be in line with statutory regulations and good practice guidance.
- ✓ Ensured staff appraisal cycles are adhered to and implemented in a timely manner and ensured the Headteacher is overseeing all objectives, providing evidence that the school is appropriately implementing appraisal and pay policies.

- ✓ Challenged the Headteacher and SENDCo on how SEND pupils access the curriculum to ensure that the school's curriculum statement is equally applied to all learners.

ASSETS COMMITTEE

- ✓ As the long-term effects of the national lockdown and remote learning continue to emerge, we now have a greater understanding of the obstacles faced by many of our pupils and are better equipped to help them. However, the resulting issues, together with the ongoing cost of living crisis, have given rise to significant operational and financial pressures on our school.
- ✓ Despite the ongoing cost of living crisis, our continued consistency of financial and budget scrutiny has enabled us to come through another challenging year with a healthy surplus. It has also given us the ability to make physical improvements to school equipment with the replacement of iPads and new interactive screens. We have also been able to assist with the provision of uniforms and additional support staff.
- ✓ In spite of the budgetary pressures faced by the school, careful and responsible oversight has allowed pupils to be offered a full and diverse curriculum including activities, services and educational visits. School has been able to continue to offer its pupils the much-valued breakfast club free of charge. It has also allowed us to support the Headteacher's recommendation that a non -classroom based DHT be appointed on a permanent basis. School can look ahead to the next financial year with confidence.
- ✓ Our Schools Financial Value Standard was accepted with only requests for minor points of clarification.
- ✓ We have taken opportunities to gain any additional funding we can to minimise the risk of a shortfall of resources.
- ✓ We continue to challenge the school to critically examine our Service Level Agreement arrangements to ensure we get the best value for money possible. The Headteacher and School Business Manager continue to be proactive in reviewing these arrangements and pursuing alternative provision where this exists. The Committee oversaw the effective transfer of the school's catering contract to an external provider at short notice.
- ✓ The Committee continues to monitor the costs and benefits of the North Tyneside Learning Trust and this continues to add value to the school.
- ✓ Our continued close attention to Health and Safety has resulted in a commitment from the Local Authority to completely replace the roof and windows, subject to a clear bat survey. The first of three phases work was carried out in August 2024.
- ✓ A key focus of the Committee has been the continued monitoring of our School Improvement Plan Priority on attendance. The Committee has supported the transfer to a new software platform to help monitor attendance, together with the other strategies the school has implemented with the Committee's oversight, we are now starting to see some small but identifiable improvements in attendance.