

Walford Nursery and Primary School Board of Governors

Impact Statement - December 2019

Governors held their meeting on Wednesday 11th December 2019.

Prior to the meeting, the Governors received a detailed update on the school pupil performance from the School's Improvement Adviser, Sarah Somers. Sarah, who is also a qualified Ofsted Inspector, gave a very positive and encouraging report on the performance of pupils at all levels within the school. She also updated the Governors on the new Ofsted framework. Governors were most appreciative of Sarah's input and contribution. Her advice to the Governors is very important, and she provides independent information on the school and its leadership whilst also providing guidance on pupil performance. She said that the school has excellent leadership, and that pupil performance overall was impressive. All areas for development were in place and were being actioned. There were no causes of concern.

The Chair took the opportunity to mention the various letters of congratulation which the school had received. In addition, the school was also mentioned in the Sunday Times Top 100 State Primary & Independent Prep Schools in England (ranked 84th). Sarah congratulated the Headteacher and all of the staff for the excellent work being undertaken/evidenced.

The Chair of the Business Committee said that the school was in a very positive place regarding its budget. The committee had met and the committee's work plan was thoroughly reviewed. A detailed report had been prepared for the committee by the HT. There were no issues of concern noted.

The Chair of the Standards Teaching and Learning said that she had spent time in school reviewing various key aspects of the work of the school. This included the development plan and safeguarding. The quality of the teaching and pupil performance across the whole school was impressive, all was most encouraging. The committee had met and the committee's work plan was thoroughly reviewed. A detailed report had been prepared for the committee by the HT. There were no issues of concern.

The Chair of Pupils, Personnel and Community said that the school was fully staffed. The committee had met and the committee's work plan was thoroughly reviewed. A detailed report had been prepared for the committee by the HT. There were no issues of concern. The Chair had noted that the PTFA were doing a remarkable job regarding its excellent fundraising and he took the opportunity to thank all involved.

The update on the new nursery was that the numbers were increasing and that the feedback from parents and children was extremely positive. The Chair thanked all involved in making the project such a success, in such a short period of time.

The Chair thanked all those involved in the very many activities both at the school and on educational visits. All of the Christmas events and services had been very positively received and feedback had been excellent. It had been another busy and a very successful term.

The Chair took the opportunity to thank the Governors, Headteacher, Clerk, Staff, Parents/Carers and Pupils for the superb support throughout the term and wished everyone a very merry Christmas and every success for 2020!

Very sad news about Liz Boynton

Following the meeting of the Governors in December, the Chair was informed that Liz had sadly and unexpectedly passed away. Liz was an outstanding member of the governing board. She was a former Chair of the Board and was a most pleasant and supportive person. She gave so much to the school over many years.

On hearing the sad news, a bouquet of flowers was sent to the family from the school and governors. In addition, Louise George (HT) invited Martin Boynton and Rachael, Anna and James to the school in order to see the new Boynton Lodge in operation. They were grateful for the invitation and enjoyed a tour of the school. Martin and the three children had all attended the school, and they said they were impressed with what they had seen. Refreshments were served in the Boynton Lodge. The Chair said that Liz gave so much to the school, and had been a superb and highly valued member of the team. He informed the family that he had had an initial chat with the HT, and would discuss further with the Governors, the possibility of a memorial bench in memory of Liz. The family said that they would also give the matter some thought. Liz's funeral is taking place on Friday, 17th January 2020 at Walford Church at 11.00am, followed by a wake at Bishopswood Village Hall.