

Walford Primary School Governor's Meeting - February 2019
Impact Statement - Chair of Governors - Paul Deneen OBE JP DL

We held our meeting in February where we had lots to discuss:-

We were delighted to hear from the HT that we had received a letter from the Minister at the DFE regarding test results and about being in the top 1% in England for maths. Huge thanks to all concerned!

Two Parent Governors had supported the school and attended the Stackpole Residential visit which was a great success. All of the pupils were a great credit to the school and to respective parents/carers.

Governors reviewed the work being undertaken on e-learning via a learning walk. Pupils were very engaged across the school in discussing this important issue.

Just to also mention that all parents/carers are most welcome to attend Learning Walks at the school. All are advertised and mentioned in the school newsletter. It is a great opportunity to see the school at first hand, and to be updated on curriculum/subject developments.

We congratulated Mrs Bound on her appointment as Business Manager at the school. We look forward to working with her in the future.

A number of policies were updated and agreed by the Governors. We are also grateful to our Clerk to the Governors for all her hard work in supporting the Governors.

Governor's training and development opportunities were also discussed. The Governors are members of the National Governance Association, and so receives excellent material to keep us all up to date on all key developments.

The school hosted two teachers from Shanghai China. This was in relation to the work being undertaken for mathematics. This visit proved to be a great success with lots of ideas exchanged. It proved to be a very positive and enriching experience for all concerned.

We have updated our complaints procedure so that it is line with DFE Guidance 2019.

We were updated on future events so that Governors can attend and support the school.

The new arrangements for booking an appointment for parent/carer evenings was very well received.

The PTFA is working tirelessly at the school for fundraising for the benefit of the pupils, and this is much appreciated.

The website is up to date with all relevant information being included.

The school was delighted with a recent award regarding engineering. The school received the overall winner in year 6, and lots of highly commended regarding the Leaders Engineering Award.

Governors discussed advertising from organisations in the school newsletter. Governors and HT agreed that there should be a policy in place relating to any future requests. This would be discussed further at the relevant committee.

Governors would be discussing cleaning arrangements at the school as Mavis Russell Cleaners had decided to give notice to finalise its contract with the school and others.

Meetings of the 3 main committees will take place in the near future. At that time there would be a update on each of the committees work plans. There were no major issues raised by HT/Governors. HT reported that all pupils were working well. The budget was absolutely fine. Lots of exciting things happening with visits and

visitors at the school. Pupils were very much enjoying their experiences. Governors were also exploring potential opportunities for 'future proofing' its financial situation.

As Chair of Governors and along with HT, I will be attending a meeting with the School Council to have a discussion with them on key issues/thoughts/observations.

I will also be meeting with the HT/DHT to review arrangements and plans regarding pupil premium at the school.

Governors continue to act as a 'critical friend' to the school. At each of our meetings there is the opportunity to support, challenge and to discuss and agree recommendations for the benefit of the pupils at the school.

Huge thanks to Louise George and the excellent team at Walford for their hard work, dedication and commitment which is much appreciated by all concerned.