

## **Walford Nursery and Primary School - Impact Statement following Board of Governors Meeting - Wednesday 8th December 2021**

### **Introduction**

The Governors are very keen to ensure that parents/carers are able to be kept informed of the work of the board of governors. On the school website, under the **Governor's** banner, please take time to read through the **'Walford Governor's - Governance and Strategic Leadership Document - 2020'** - This sets the scene in relation to how the governing board meetings and committees are structured and organised, and the important work which is undertaken by the governing board.

### **1. Briefing from Sarah Somers - School Improvement Adviser**

Sarah Somers provided the Governors with a detailed update on the national scene as far as Ofsted was concerned. She also provided her thoughts about school improvement planning and pupil performance. She was very complimentary about the Headteacher, leadership and teaching at the school.

### **2. Standards Teaching and Learning Committee**

As a result of an outbreak of COVID 19, the committee meeting was postponed until January. The Chair of the committee reported, however, that despite the ongoing disruption caused by COVID 19, the school was continuing to take all necessary action to deliver the curriculum (post enforced school closures) in order to ensure that all pupils are achieving the expected standard in all areas. All relevant matters would be considered carefully in January 2022. There had been an excellent and varied series of activities and events for all pupils during the term which had been enjoyed by all of the pupils.

### **3. Confirmation of LEA Governor Appointment by Governors**

Following the decision by Mrs Joyce Thomas MBE DL to retire as the LEA Governor. The LEA had received a nomination from Mrs Thomas that Mr Paul Deneen OBE JP DL become the new LEA Governor. This was subject to the Governors confirming the appointment. This was approved unanimously.

### **4. Skills Audit of all Governors**

All Governors have complied a skills audit. The information was revised by the Chair together with advice from the Clerk to the Governors. An Action Plan was agreed. Discussions would take place with each governor about his/her training and development needs.

### **5. School Improvement Plan**

The Headteacher had produced an updated School Improvement Plan. This will be reviewed regularly by the Governors.

### **6. SEND, More Able Pupils and Pupil Premium**

Governors will review these areas in the Spring term 2022.

## **7. Safeguarding - Update**

A safeguarding review had been carried out by the Vice Chair. There were no issues of concern reported. Governors would continue to review training and development so that all are up to date.

## **8. Policies - Update**

Policies will be reviewed by relevant governor committees (Standards, Teaching & Learning, School Business and Pupils, Personnel & Community) in the Spring Term 2022.

## **9. Parent Teacher and Friends Association - PTFA**

The PTFA have been extremely active in supporting events at the school for parents/carers and all pupils. The Chair of Governors thanked the PTFA for their excellent work and said how the Governors greatly appreciated the additional funding being provided for the school.

## **10. School Website**

The website is up to date.

## **11. School Nursery**

All is working well as far as the nursery was concerned. Despite the ongoing COVID 19 challenges and staffing issues, numbers were most encouraging. Funding is reported separately as a budget heading.

## **12. School Business Committee**

The committee had met earlier in the term. There were no issues of concern noted. Both sport and pupil premium funding has been reviewed in terms of funding which was available to support pupils. Premises and health and safety issues were also considered at the meeting. All policies were up to date. The budget situation continues to be very positive. The Business Manager was thanked for her work and for her regular budget updates.

## **13. Pupils, Personnel and Community Committee**

The committee had met earlier in the term. Recommendations regarding teaching and support staffing were approved. Discussion took place on the impact of COVID 19 on pupils, equalities, parental engagement, community links and community cohesion. Staff Questionnaires had been reviewed. Pupil Questionnaires would take place next term. No issues of concern were raised.

14. Governors continued to act as a '**Critical friend**' to the school. At each meeting governors offered appropriate 'support and challenge' and made recommendations/decisions as required. There was a professional working relationship between the school and governors/governance.

15. The Chair also thanked the **Clerk to Governors** for ably putting together all of the relevant paperwork in readiness for the meeting.

16. The Chair thanked the Governors for their input and support which was much appreciated.

17. The Chair finally thanked Louise George, Head Teacher, the SLT and overall Team Walford for their superb work, dedication and commitment at this particular time, post the pandemic. This Autumn term had been incredibly busy with the lead up to Christmas. Governors wished to thank Louise and her team for the excellent work in supporting pupils, and also for all that they did to enhance, enrich and support pupil's education on a daily basis. Everything was being undertaken to aim to continue the key message from the school's mission statement of 'Learning and Enjoyment... Every Child, Every Opportunity, Every Day.'

Paul Deneen

Chair of the Board of Governors

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