

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Work of the Governors

As we come to the end of another busy term, I wanted to update you on the work of the Governors. We welcomed a new co-opted Governor, Kirstene Cutler. Kirstene works in schools accounting and will be a huge asset to our team. This term our committees have met as part of the regular review and monitoring of the work that goes on in school. We have attended subject link visits to some areas and attended commissioned visits with our SEA (School effectiveness adviser). Our duties include setting the school's vision, aims and objectives, approving the school budget and overseeing the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent, and are there to provide oversight and accountability. It is a voluntary role. Governors do not have the authority to act alone or represent the school with their own opinion. Any governor approached with a query has a duty of responsibility to signpost individuals to the school in the first instance.

## Safeguarding

We continue to monitor safeguarding regularly. Half termly meetings take place with the Chair, Safeguarding governor, Headteacher and our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs Jackson. Our Health and safety governor has also been in school to complete our annual review. Another Governor will meet termly with our IT technician and DSL to discuss our filtering and monitoring systems. Governors have been updating Safeguarding and PREVENT training, and we are looking ahead to online safety and cyber security training.

## Parent feedback

We attended parents' evening to run our parent view questionnaire. Thank you to all the parents that took the time to talk to us, and to all that scanned the QR code and completed the online survey. We will be looking at the results next term and will feedback to you as soon as possible.

## Attendance

Attendance is showing signs of improvement, there is still a lot of improvement to be made. Our current attendance is 94.4% (in line with national average) but our target is 96%. So attendance will remain a priority. Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year. Please continue to support us in ensuring your children are in school and ready to learn as much as possible.

## Finally

The governors would like to say thank you to Mrs Birch and all the staff for all their hard work this term. We would like to wish all staff, pupils, and parents and carers a very Happy Easter break, see you all next term.

Kerry Edwards

Chair of Governors – on behalf of the governing body

## GALLEY HILL SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Governing body consists of 12 Governors, and an associate member.

Categories of governor include: Co-opted, staff, parent, and Local Authority.

### Headteacher:

Mrs E Birch

### Associate Governor:

Deputy Head: Miss S Elsey

### Co-opted Governors:

Kerry Edwards – Chair–  
Tracey Hunter - Vice Chair-  
Karen Cleveland Marwick  
Leah Pearce  
Marian Sparrow  
Kirstene Cutler

### Staff Governor:

Mrs H Pritchett

### Local Authority:

Ruth Mason

### Parent Governors:

Bob Mackenzie  
Chris Allgrove  
Helen Birch