

GALLEYWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

2022-23



The beginning of a new school year at Galleywood Infant School is the ideal opportunity for the Governing Body to reflect on the many successes of the past year and to look forward to an exciting year ahead.

As you probably already know the Governing Body consists of volunteers from the local community. Some governors are appointed by the Local Authority; some are parents or carers who have children at the school; others have a particular skill that the Governing Body requires to carry out their duties and others are members of the school staff. As different as we are as individuals, we have one thing in common. That is to ensure Galleywood Infant School offers your children an inspiring education of the highest quality.

The Governing Body met 6 times during the last school year. During those meetings we discussed and made decisions on a variety of different aspects of school life. These discussions included –

- Developing the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school
- Monitoring the progress that children made in their learning
- Approving the school's budget and holding the school to account for the way money is spent
- Ensuring that the school buildings were safe and welcoming for everyone
- Checking that Safeguarding procedures were in place and were adhered to

These are just a few of our responsibilities.

We visited the school often. At the beginning of the last academic year we met with the entire staff team to discuss the strategic direction of the school and, more importantly, how we would achieve those goals. This was of course, a lively discussion! However, we were all in agreement that we wanted the children of Galleywood Infants to be the best that they can be.

During the year we visited classrooms, spoke to children and staff, looked at resources and discussed teaching methods. We particularly observed the teaching of the new phonics programme and the introduction of new reading books. This was a considerable investment for the school and we will continue to monitor the impact of the new initiatives in the forthcoming year. The excellent end of key stage results is evidence of the programme's success.

In addition, we ensure that the fabric of the school building is maintained and Health and Safety regulations are complied with. You will have noticed the new windows and doors, and the fact that there are solar panels on the roof. This was a Local Authority project, but some Governors met with the contractors and Mrs Dennis, (Finance and Office Manager) and Mr McAdam (Site Manager), to ensure that disruption of children's learning was minimal.

As Chair of the Governing Body, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Manning and her team for their hard work. Their dedication ensures that Galleywood Infants remains such a successful school. I would also like to thank you, the parents and carers for your support.

June Gould

Chair of Governing Body