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Governor Report to Parents - July 2022

The Performance Committee of governors meets five times every academic year. We monitor how our school is delivering the curriculum in the classroom, challenging all our children and helping them to achieve their highest potential, not just against nationally set standards, but bearing in mind the capabilities and talents of every individual child. We also make sure that the provision for children who need extra help is effective, catching their needs as soon as they appear and ensuring that all children are fully included.

After a challenging couple of years for all schools, it has been a real joy to see our school community coming together again – parents, children, the staff, the senior leadership team and the governing body. And we were really pleased with the outcome of our Ofsted inspection, which identified what makes the school special. This was particularly pleasing given the new Ofsted framework, which has set the bar for standards much higher than ever before. Our role as the Performance Committee is now to work with the senior leadership team to build on and monitor the outcomes of that report as we head into the new academic year.

Regarding the curriculum, we have been closely monitoring the impressive results of our new phonics and guided reading programmes and have been impressed by the new systems of curriculum planning across all subjects and year groups. And, of course, it has been wonderful to see our arts, drama, sports and music back at full strength. Finally, we are fully supportive of the school's really positive work in helping pupils, staff and parents with their mental health and wellbeing, which has been particularly welcome and important during this post-lockdown year.



The Resources and Finance Committee officially meets 5 times a year. We oversee the budget, premises, health and safety and human resources, providing support and guidance to the Head and Staff on such matters. We then report back to the Full Governing Board, which also meets 5 times a year.

There can be no denying that the school continues to face many financial challenges, increasing costs, tight funding and the ongoing impact from COVID19; however the school continues to maintain strong and sound financial processes that enable the Head and Staff to make well informed decisions. The Governors are grateful to have an excellent School Business Manager, whose hard work and expertise continue to be invaluable to the School and the Governors.

We have every confidence in the Head and Staff that the known and unknown future challenges will be faced with robustness, thoughtfulness and compassion.

In the meantime, we wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to being part of the school next year.

