



GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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18th January 2023

Dear Staff, Volunteers, Parents and Carers,

The Governing Full Board met on 17th January 2023, at the meeting the minutes of our 10th December 2023 meeting were approved and are now available on the [Governor Page of the school website](#) along with lots of other useful information about governance.

At our meeting we discussed the recent parent/carer questionnaire results which were very positive and showed how much parents and carers value the school and all we do for our pupils. Governors did however note that were a significant number of 'don't know answers' - as a reminder we have lots of information on our [school website](#) including key policies, dates, curriculum information etc. In addition, if you have any questions then you should speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team.

Governors also discussed the recent governor learning walks which have taken place since the last meeting and governor monitoring around premises, H&S and school data. All of which were very positive and reflected the progress the school continues to make.

At our last FGB we appointed a lead Wellbeing Governor to ensure governors have an overview of staff and pupil wellbeing and all the initiatives going on in this area. At our meeting we discussed the work underway to agree the key governor monitoring activities around the wellbeing area and the development of our wellbeing policy.

We are still struggling to fill our 2 parent governor vacancies and 1 co-opted Governor vacancy which we urgently need to fill- it is really important that our community is represented on the Governing Board and that we have a diverse range of life experiences - if you would like to know more or apply then please review the information [here](#). If it is not something you are interested in please do help us to flag the parent vacancy to other parents and share the co-opted vacancy with your networks. It is important that we have parents on the Governing Board and have a good mix of skills, experiences, and perspectives.

We know it takes a whole community to grow a child and at Gateway we have a truly fantastic community. Governors are clear that the success of our school is a whole community effort and so thank you all for your ongoing dedication and support for our school. As a result, Gateway school is a unique and special place for our pupils and has gained a very positive reputation in our community this continues to be evidenced through our increasing pupil role - please do continue to share the school's good news with your friends, family, and networks so we can continue our amazing growth.

As always if you have any questions about governance at your school then please do reach out to me on kmoyes@gateway.oxon.sch.uk.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Moyes', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors