Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Governor’s work with the school to ensure that:

1. There is clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
2. Leaders are held to account for the educational performance of the school.
3. There is oversight of the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

To this end we have:

* Restructured the Governing Board, and its functions, so it is more able to discharge its responsibilities.
* Held Full Governing Board meetings, committee meetings and the link governors for SEND, the Curriculum and Assessment, Writing and Safeguarding have all made visits to the school to see the school in action and to hold leaders to account.
* Reviewed the budget at the Full Governing Board meetings, through committee meetings as well as through link governor roles.

We are pleased to see the progress the school is making, with Summer 2023 results much improved, and broadly in-line, with national outcomes. The school leadership have worked hard to implement new strategies, for example in phonics, writing and maths and have re-developed the curriculum, raising expectations for achievement. These strategies are making a difference.

The Unit continues to go from the strength to strength as does provision in the Early Years. The school has been flexible and responsive to emerging issues and has established bespoke provision for pupils in need. Having spoken to children and staff at the school I can say that the school is a happy and safe place to be for all, in which children enjoy achieving. The school’s financial situation is secure and positive.

More parents are viewing the school positively and are engaging with the school well- as evidenced by the recent good return of parent-view questionnaires (completed online). The school values your contributions and input, so please don’t hesitate to speak to a member of staff if you have a concern. As a response to parents’ feedback, the school will be launching a new range of after school clubs which we hope your child would like to take part in.

We do still have a parent governor vacancy, so if you are interested, please do let the Headteacher or me know and we can talk through the next steps.

The school is developing a good reputation locally and within Cambridgeshire and becoming known as a centre of good practice, particularly for the Early Years, and there are signs that pupil numbers will be increased for next academic year.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all the children, parents, staff, and governors for their work and commitment this year-it really is making a difference. We are hoping and expecting 2024 to be an even better year!

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

David Barker

Chair of Governors.