

Governance Duties – Actions/Overview 2020-2021

Another difficult year due to the pandemic but Governor meetings continued throughout being held virtually.

Governors regularly reviewed the school's risk assessment to ensure that all appropriate Covid measures were in place and that staff, children and parents felt it was safe to attend school.

Regular contact was maintained with the Headteacher to ensure his wellbeing and that of the staff. We received feedback from the regular surveys being conducted of staff, children and parents. Remote learning proved to be a challenge in early stages of the pandemic but as school we added to the Government's roll out of devices by adding our own through our investment into digital technology and by providing a hybrid model of devices and paper-packs. For children who needed to isolate, remote learning continued to ensure their continuity of learning wherever possible.

Governor monitoring took place for safeguarding, SEND, teaching and learning and health and safety.

Governors continued to monitor the overall progress of the school in terms of its progress towards the school's priorities and we received regular updates from different members of the school's leadership team. The Trust also conducted a Partnership Review of the school, focusing on school improvement and safeguarding.

The LA also conducted a SEND review (Special Educational Needs and Disability) which was also very positive.

During her monitoring visit, the Chair of Governors was also able to attend in person, the feedback from the external Challenge Partners review, reinforcing the messages Governors receive from the School leaders in terms of the progress of the school.

Governors are confident that the school is doing all that it can for the children in terms of keeping them safe and providing a high-quality curriculum and learning experience. We were also pleased that some school trips were also able to take place towards the end of term.

The school's physical environment has been transformed over the recent years including upgraded children's toilets; an outside trim trail and an allotment area on the field for children as well as a redesigned entrance, office accommodation and lighting. Not only that we have been able to resurface the car park and move the fencing so that the site entrance is much more welcoming.