

Governors' Newsletter

We are now over halfway through the academic year at Highwood. The governing body is pleased to welcome six new members to the board. They have a wealth of knowledge and fresh ideas to help grow an effective governing board for Highwood School.

On that note, I (chair) and Eddie Tunnah (vice chair) would like to welcome the following people to the team; Miles Redbart, Emma Ryan, Brijesh Babla, Sarah Daniels, Katie Ostrowski, and Shanil Patel.

Sarah Daniels and Katie Ostrowski are our new parent governors. They are here to represent you as parents on the board. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact them via the school office team.

Some of governors' activities this spring term have been:

- Regular discussion and updates related to Covid-19
- Updates on SEND delivered by Mrs Fernandes
- Updates on safeguarding, and health & safety on the premises
- Reviewing the school budget, school development plan and school self-evaluation
- Documentation review relating to financial values in schools
- Benchmarked financial efficiency against similar local and national schools
- Actions discussed regarding the implementation of a new phonics scheme
- Mrs Khindey and Miss Gowers delivered a presentation on the Highwood Curriculum
- Reviewed Pupil Premium report and developments
- Reviewed and discussed the Single Central Record
- Review and ratification of school policies

I would like to thank you as parents for the patience you have shown the school staff throughout the pandemic. We know it has been very challenging for everyone and we have noticed the relationship growing between parents and staff.

We would also like to thank Mrs Rai who has now been at the school for a year. The governing board has seen a huge improvement in the school, which the children are benefitting from.

Thank you also to the staff at Highwood for all the hard work, dedicated hours of support, empathy and laughter they bring to the children.

There are many different religious celebrations taking place over the Easter period; we hope you all enjoy the break from school and get to spend some quality time with your loved ones.

Happy holidays!

Jo Johnson
Chair of Governors