

Annual Statement of Governors of Bournville Village Primary School September 2022

The role of a school governor is to contribute to the work of the governing board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by:

- setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction
- holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

We started the year with a Vision Day where governors together with senior leaders from school considered the school mission statement and what vision we had for the school that incorporated our values. This was facilitated by an expert from the National Governance Association.

We have supported school with plans to overcome the fall-out from the pandemic in terms of missed work and general wellbeing. This has been difficult as Covid-19 continued to have a significant impact in terms of illness and absence for staff and pupils.

Our Curriculum Committee looks carefully at assessment data for all the year groups and receives information from the senior leadership team on plans to improve outcomes for children. During the year the staff have worked hard on catching up parts of the curriculum that were affected by the pandemic.

The Buildings Committee have overseen a successful bid for funds to replace the school radiators. This work will take place over the summer, October and Christmas holidays.

We have also welcomed the OPAL playground plans and see this as an exciting new phase in the school's development.

Overseeing the school finances is an important role for governors and balancing what needs to be spent now with what money will be needed in the future - with so much uncertainty in terms of inflation - has been a particular challenge this year for the Finance and Staffing Committee.

The Pupil and Staff Welfare Committee have been focussing on the mental wellbeing of children and staff.

Governors have managed to make visits to school to concerning buildings, the OPAL playground, Early years, SEND, safeguarding and new teachers.

We were very sorry to learn that we would lose Mrs Williams as headteacher with effect from the end of August. She has been an inspirational leader and overseen many developments at BVPS, including: the amalgamation of the Junior and Infant Schools, changes in Early Years provision, the new library, a new curriculum, and the plans for the playground. She also steered the school steadfastly through the pandemic and has always put the needs of the children first.

Following a rigorous interview process the governors have appointed Mrs Amy Cooper as the new headteacher and work is already underway to ensure a smooth handover when she takes up the position in January 2023.

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