

Greenfields Primary School

GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

April 2019



The Governing Board is pleased to bring you this latest Governors' Newsletter which is part of our plan to strengthen the communication and links between the governors and the staff, parents and children. These newsletters and the minutes of the Governing Board meetings are published on the school website.

Vision Statements

One of the most important responsibilities of the Governing Board is to set out a vision for the school, answering the question "what would you hope to find at Greenfields in 3-4 years' time?"

Having answered this question then what follows of course is the question "how do we get from here to there?"

The governors' vision statements are as follows:

- To regain the school's GOOD Ofsted rating
- To increase the school's roll number of children back to 200+
- To regularly achieve the government minimum standard for attendance, i.e. 95%, whilst striving for 97%
- To offer full nursery provision
- To refurbish the school premises (windows, doors, heating etc.)
- To develop and improve our wonderful outdoor space

Under the leadership of Mrs Day, and with your continuing support, the governors are confident that all these targets can be achieved, and indeed, good progress is already being made on them all.

Health and Safety

The most frequent observation made by parents / carers to staff and governors about site safety over recent years has related to the steps leading down from the top playground into the nursery area. This has clearly been a genuine concern, especially in the winter months. We are therefore pleased to tell you that these steps have now been removed and replaced by a sloping path which we believe has greatly reduced the slipping / tripping hazard. Do let us know if you agree.



This work formed part of a general overhaul and improvement of what is now a much enlarged outdoor area for the Nursery and Reception children. A special thank you to everyone who volunteered their time during the holiday for this project.

Site Security

In our January newsletter we informed you of the intent to replace the main entry vehicle and pedestrian gates. This project was executed during the Easter holidays as you'll probably already be aware.

Both gates are now automated and fitted with timers which allow easy entry and exit during the busy periods at the start and end of each school day. Outside of these periods it will be necessary to use the call button to contact the office to request entry.

The vehicle gates open automatically for vehicles departing the site but **need to be approached slowly and allowed to open fully before driving through.**

The vehicle gates are equipped with all necessary safety features as well as CCTV surveillance to permit the office staff to identify visitors.



Please note that pedestrians must not attempt to enter the school through the vehicle gates.

The Governors' Cup for Good Citizenship

This prestigious cup is awarded to children who have consistently demonstrated exemplary conduct and behaviour and, as such, act as role models for other children. The cup will continue to be awarded termly and is open to all the children. Nominations are made by the class teachers for consideration by the Governing Board.

Our latest winner is shown below: many congratulations to Jayden from Y6.



Jayden receiving the Governors' Cup from the Chair

How to Contact Governors

We are always happy to receive constructive feedback and comments from parents, for example by dropping a note into the school office. Alternatively, the current Chair of Governors, David Ray, is in the school all day every Friday and would be pleased to meet for a chat.