



Termly Update from Fairway's Governing Board **Summer 2019**

Welcome to the 10th edition of the termly newsletter from the Local Governing Board (LGB) of Fairway Primary Academy.

After another successful year, the LGB would like to congratulate all year 6 pupils for their achievements in the KS2 SATs and wish them well as they move on to their secondary schools. The Academy also had pleasing results in the KS1 SATs and Phonics testing. As the results were only published last week full analysis has not yet been completed but the LGB will be picking this up in the new academic year. The success of children at Fairway is largely as a result of the fantastic commitment shown by every member of staff, but also the partnership working that goes on with parents. The LGB would like to thank all staff for their tremendous efforts this year.

The full LGB have met twice this term as planned, with each of the committees meeting once. Reports have been received at the full LGB meetings from the link governors for IT and safeguarding. There has also been thorough scrutiny and challenge of data relating to children's progress and attendance throughout the year with all members of the senior leadership team being held to account. The Resources committee have set the budget for the next academic year and are closely monitoring Academy spending as funding for education becomes ever-more squeezed. The Academy is being encouraged to look at innovative ways of reducing expenditure and increasing income. The committee are also monitoring a number of improvements to the premises that will take place during the summer break including replacement of lighting throughout with more energy efficient options. The Curriculum committee have been reviewing the progress of a complete curriculum overhaul and look forward to following this as it becomes embedded next year. They have also received a report on SEND monitoring and provision which was followed up by a report to the full LGB by the SEND Governor. This raised concerns about the impact of reduced funding and the LGB plan to feed this concern back to the UWMAT Board. The Policies committee has continued with its rolling programme of policy review and is monitoring website content for compliance.

One of our community governors has stepped down this term so we have advertised the vacancy with a number of agencies. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the LGB from September we would particularly welcome applicants with a business or finance background and experience in leadership roles. A further vacancy will become available in January 2020. All governors are currently undergoing the annual review process with the Chair and, as a result, some link roles and committee memberships may change.

Governor training this term has included induction training and health and safety. Plans for next term include the annual safeguarding update.

A number of governors have been involved in panel hearings this term for a variety of reasons and their flexibility and commitment should be noted. The Chair was also involved in the appointment of the new assistant head teacher.

Governors always enjoy the opportunity to come in to school during the normal working day and this term have attended assemblies, inspire workshops, music concerts, the summer fair, sports day and year 6 leavers events.

After a short time with us, Mrs Jeacock will be leaving to take up a new post elsewhere. We would like to thank her for her contribution this year and wish her well for the future. We are delighted that Mrs Rowlands will be returning to work with us full time in September and also that we will be retaining Miss Hill on a permanent contract. The LGB continues to work with Mrs Williams to ensure that the staff base remains as stable and consistent as possible.

I always like to use the summer newsletter to extend my personal thanks, as Chair, to every member of the LGB for the time, energy and commitment they bring to the role on a voluntary basis and this year is no exception. They have all shared the responsibility for ensuring that the children of Fairway receive an educational journey to be proud of and an Ofsted result that is deserved. We are extremely lucky to have this calibre of volunteer at our disposal and it has been a pleasure to work with them.

So all that is left is to wish everyone a happy and healthy summer. We look forward to working with you all again next year!



Details about members of the Fairway Governing Board can be found on the Academy website along with previous newsletters and further information about the work that we do. We welcome feedback from all stakeholders and if you have any queries or comments about anything we have done this term please contact the Chair via the Academy office.

