



Chair of Governors
Hurst Green CE Primary School & Nursery
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“Living Loving and Learning with God”

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News from the Local Governing Board

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year

We hope you had a good Christmas break and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing you and your families a safe and healthy 2023.

Communication

Back in October we wrote to you and promised information from the Governors three times a year. This is our second letter. We enjoyed speaking to many of you face to face at the parents' evenings in November and we will be attending this term's parents' evenings too. We would like to find out from you how well you think we and the school communicate with you. Do let us know what you would find useful.

Parent Governors

We are delighted to let you know that following our advertisement for new parent governors last term, we had two volunteers who have both now joined the Governing Board. They are:

- Nicky DeHavilland who has 3 children in the school
- Fiona Drury who has a child in the Nursery

We are very much looking forward to working with them. Their term of office is for 4 years.

What did the Local Governing Board do in Terms 1 and 2?

At the beginning of a new academic year there are always a lot of policies to review and approve. We approved 10 policies in total, many of which were related to safeguarding. We also approved a new School Uniform Policy which can be found on the website, and a new Behaviour Policy which explains the therapeutic approach to behaviour that the school has now adopted. This policy is also on the website if you want to find out more.

We reviewed the School's Self Evaluation and the resulting School Development Plan drawn up by the staff and agreed the key areas we would be monitoring this year and we reviewed how well the school spent its Sports Grant funding last academic year.

Visits to the school focused on:

- The opportunities the children have to take part in rich experiences and to enable all children to reach their full potential.
- How the school lives its vision
- The impact of collective worship



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We also:

- Looked at how the school was spending its money, including ensuring ring fenced money was being spent appropriately.
- Reviewed safeguarding information. This is an important aspect of our role.
- Reviewed the school's plans for spending its pupil premium money this academic year
- Looked at changes taking place in the Nursery in line with the new Early Years Foundation Stage framework

Our focus for Terms 3 and 4

Our main focii for terms 3 and 4 are to review

- how the school lives out its Christian vision and its school values
- how subject leaders are improving the teaching of their subjects
- how the school is developing as a community and its role in the wider local community

We look forward to speaking to many of you at parents' evening.

Yours fathfully,

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