

Governor statement 2019-2020

This has been a particularly challenging year for the whole school community and the governors have tried as far as possible to be supportive of all that the school has been doing to meet the challenges thrown up by COVID 19. At the same time it was essential that some form of oversight was maintained with Full Governor Board meetings continuing remotely and planning a full set of remote committee meetings starting in September 2020. These meetings were suspended in March so that staff could concentrate on the very difficult task of providing remote education and safe in house education to children of key workers.

Financially the governors are pleased that the efforts over the previous few years to maintain a healthy financial position has meant that there was an adequate reserve of money so that the additional expenses associated with COVID did not add extra stress to the school when considering where the money was going to come from.

Even when money has been tight one area that the governors always emphasise is the support for our more vulnerable children and families. It was with great pleasure that in February we saw the completion of the conversion of the old toilet block into a new area for use with our children and families who need that bit of extra support. Hopefully, we will be able to celebrate this next year with a proper opening when circumstances allow.

Along with the challenges of COVID our school was lucky that the Deputy Head was blessed with a new member of her family. This of course presents its own challenges when such a key role is missing for several months. The governors helped to set the new temporary structure in place and with the hard work of all of the staff involved it has been very successful especially when considering the temporary posts were not long in their positions when the school year was disrupted so dramatically. We look forward to having the Deputy Head back in post in 20-21 but are really pleased that we know that we have such a good team that can step up to the plate when needed.