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Acorns Governing Body News

This year the Governing Body has agreed to follow a new committee structure. We meet as a full Governing Body once a term and as two sub committees prior to each full meeting.

The two sub committees are:

Resources – in this meeting we discuss and make recommendations on matters to do with Finance, Health and Safety, Staffing and Premises.

Curriculum and Standards – in this meeting we discuss the curriculum delivery and development and pupil progress, staff and governor training, pupil attendance, governor involvement in school life.

Both meetings monitor the implementation of the School Development Plan which is produced annually.

All three meetings have now taken place and governors have all taken a full part in each meeting. The main issues discussed this term have been:

Budget setting – budgets are becoming increasingly tight with energy and staffing costs likely to put pressure on spending next year.

Building and premises – our building always is a challenge as it was not designed for our current pupils' needs. The leadership team is constantly considering improvements to make the environment an excellent one for our pupils.

Staffing – as in many schools (and other workplaces) this is a challenge. As is inevitable, staff move on from time to time – as governors we are committed to employing the very best staff for our pupils.

Post pandemic matters – the governing body has received regular reports from the leadership team regarding support for pupils and families.

All governors enjoy links with either a class or area of school and regular meetings take place with staff. These increase governor knowledge and help us to ensure our decision making is based on good knowledge of the needs of our pupils and families.