

Governor Impact Statement

During the past academic year, the Governing Board has provided strong and effective strategic leadership that has directly contributed to improvements in pupils' outcomes, the quality of teaching and whole-school effectiveness. Governors have also continued to champion the school's Christian distinctiveness and placed a clear emphasis on the wellbeing of pupils, staff and families.

Strategic Priorities and Achievements

In 2024/25, governors focused on three key priorities:

- establishing a nursery class
- enhancing wrap-around care
- strengthening wellbeing for all members of the school community

These priorities were delivered alongside the Board's ongoing commitment to raising academic standards, ensuring robust safeguarding and supporting all pupils to thrive.

Raising Standards and Improving Outcomes

Governors maintained a strong focus on improving attainment in reading, writing and mathematics. Through challenge and support, governors encouraged leaders to strengthen curriculum planning and staff development, particularly in reading. Monitoring evidence and end-of-year data show 77% of pupils at the end of key stage 2 achieved the expected standard, compared to 76% across the borough and 75% nationally.

In mathematics, at the end of key stage 2, 77% of pupils also achieved the expected standard, which was the same as was achieved across the borough and 73% nationally.

This demonstrates the positive impact of targeted leadership and governor oversight.

Effective Monitoring and Accountability

The Governing Board has strengthened its role in holding leaders to account. Regular reports from the headteacher and subject leaders enabled governors to ask focused, challenging questions. Link governors carried out monitoring visits aligned to the School Improvement Plan, including phonics, early reading and behaviour. Their written reports helped triangulate evidence and provided a clear picture of the school's strengths and areas for further development.

Christian Distinctiveness and Safeguarding

Governors continued to uphold and promote the school's Christian values, ensuring they remain central to the school's ethos and daily life. Safeguarding remained a top priority. Regular audits—including an external review—confirmed that statutory duties are met. Governors monitored staff training and policy updates closely, ensuring a strong safeguarding culture where pupils feel safe and well supported.

Financial Oversight and Value for Money

The Board demonstrated rigorous financial oversight, scrutinising the budget to ensure spending aligned with school priorities. Governors challenged and refined the use of Pupil Premium funding, resulting in improved attendance and engagement for disadvantaged pupils. Spending decisions clearly reflect value for money and measurable impact.

Governor Development

Governors invested in their own effectiveness through regular training and an annual skills audit. This strengthened expertise in areas such as data analysis, SEND and curriculum oversight, enabling the Board to make informed strategic decisions and provide robust challenge and support to school leaders.

Overall Impact

The Governing Board's work this year has had a **positive and demonstrable impact** on school improvement, pupil outcomes, leadership accountability, financial stewardship, safeguarding and the wellbeing of the whole school community. Governors remain committed to ensuring that every child flourishes academically, socially and spiritually.