

Governing Body update, July 2022:

Governors have over the last few weeks been working on the school strategic development plan - both reviewing the 2019-2022 Plan and drawing up priorities for the 2022-2025 version.

The review of the 2019-2022 Plan will be published on the school website early in September.

Governors met with the school's Diocese education adviser in mid-May and subsequently met as a governing body 22 June 2022 to draft future priorities, and agree outcomes and success criteria through which the Plan can be measured.

Four priority areas have been identified: a broad and inspiring curriculum; environmental sustainability - highlighted by the children; the school Christian ethos; and management and leadership, all bound by the school vision, Learning to Live, Living to Love, Loving to Learn, and within the context of a nurturing school - something the staff team feel very strongly about.

It is intended to have the 2022-2025 version of the strategic development plan finalised for the first governing body meeting of the new school year in early-September.

The Summer Term full Governing Body meeting took place on Wednesday 6 July 2022, in school.

Minutes of both the May 2022 curriculum meeting and the late May 2022 finance and resources meeting were approved - these can be found on the school website.

As usual the meeting focused around the school vision: Learning to Live, Living to Love, Loving to Learn.

Governors discussed the latest Headteachers report, including: the number of children joining Reception in September 2022; special educational needs; staff mental health and well-being; out of school activities; vision leaders; and subject leader monitoring arrangements.

Governors also reviewed the latest progress and attainment data and Parent View 'results' - the Ofsted online parent survey, and heard about the school sporting year and the school's achievement of the British Council International School Award certificate for the connecting classrooms project.

Governors thanked Mr Whitehead and the staff team for their work over what, given the pandemic, has been a somewhat difficult school year.

Governors then agreed the summer term governor safeguarding report and looked at the concerns around road safety outside school - Mr Whitehead has discussed the issue with the local road safety lead and a letter has been written to the Parish Council, who, it is understood, are to discuss the issue in their next meeting.

Governors then 'signed off' the updated school PE Policy - this can be found on the school website.

The meeting concluded with a short discussion on two letters from the NYCC school financial management team, which reminded schools of the impact on budgets of rising energy costs and wider inflationary pressures.

Mr Whitehead is to discuss these issues with the school bursar. Governors are determined to ensure that these pressures are appropriately managed, allowing the school to continue to provide a high quality of education for all the children.

Three governors are standing down in September - Alex Swinton, Christine Anderton, both Foundation Governors, and Jo Gostling, Co-opted Governor.

Alex, Christine and Jo are long standing supporters of the school and key members of the governing body, Alex over more years than she cares to remember, and all will be missed by governors. Whilst moving on from the governing body Alex, Jo and Christine are looking to continue to support the school in various ways.

New Foundation Governors will be joining in September and the Governing Body will continue to look to recruit a new Co-opted Governor

Further information on the work of the governing body can be seen on the school website at, www.kildwickceschool.org.uk

I trust you all enjoy the summer break.

John Perry
Chair of Governors