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Governing Board update: September 2022

The first governing board meeting of the new academic year took place on Tuesday 13th September, in school.

The meeting, a full governing board meeting, was largely procedural in nature establishing structures for the academic year.

Two governors have joined the Board this academic year; the Reverend Mike Green, the new combined Kildwick, Cononley, Bradley Parish vicar, and Elly Barfoot, Foundation Governor.

Key information on all governors can be found on the school website.

Committee structures and key governor roles, including safeguarding, special educational needs and Health and Safety were agreed.

School term and holiday dates for the 2023-2024 academic year were agreed - Mr Whitehead will be putting these on the school website as soon as possible.

Minutes of the June 2022 strategy meeting and July 2022 Full Governing Board meeting were approved - these can be found on the school website along with previous meeting minutes.

Concerns around road traffic speed on Priest Bank Road were again discussed. Following the July 2022 meeting governors have had feedback from the Parish Council, including information from a North Yorkshire Police Traffic Bureau speed data logging exercise carried out over seven days on the road.

Whilst the data provides some reassurance governors remain concerned about traffic speed on Priest Bank Road and will continue to closely monitor the situation.

Governors are reassured that Mr Whitehead and the staff team continue to prioritise road safety with the children and that the issue is regularly discussed in the school newsletter - when using Priest Bank Road please continue to take extra care either as a pedestrian or in the car.

Governors heard a brief update from Mr Whitehead on the first few days of the school term. Both staff and the children appear to have enjoyed the summer break and are settling back into school routines. Attendance is good.

Governors heard about the period of mourning and reflection for the late Queen in school. Mr Whitehead is arranging for a book of condolence - this will be an important historical document for future generations.

Governors then agreed the school strategic plan, focused around the school vision, Learning to Live, Living to Love, Loving to Learn, discussed in more detail in the late summer term governing board update, and identified lead governor roles within each priority area - the plan will shortly be available on the school website.

My thanks to everyone involved for their contributions to the development of the strategic plan.

Governors then approved the policy review schedule and the Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy - work on the Child Protection Policy is currently in hand reflecting latest council and government advice.

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

I am also happy to discuss school governance and can be contacted at, chair@kildwickce.uk - organisational and educational matters should be addressed to Mr Whitehead and the staff team.

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Chair of Governors