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Governing Body Update

The governing body resources and finance meeting took place Tuesday 24 May 2022, in school.

The meeting focused primarily on the school budget. The bursar attended.

Governors looked in detail at the year-end monitoring for the 2021-2022 financial year. The budget position reflects the current pressure on budgets in all schools, both locally and nationally. Income from the breakfast and afterschool club is less than expected and expenditure on staff has been slightly higher than anticipated largely due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Governors are nevertheless reassured that the budget has been well managed with a focus on ensuring high quality education for all children. There is a small surplus to carry forward for the next financial year.

Governors then looked at the budget forecast for the next three financial years. This continues to look largely secure, if somewhat tight - careful monitoring will be required, particularly for Year 3, 2024-2025.

There are areas of pressure and potential risk, particularly from rising energy costs - which we are all familiar with. Mr Whitehead is to redouble the focus on energy saving measures across school, which should at the very least help ensure that costs are carefully monitored.

The bursar was thanked for her support.

Governors next looked at the governor Health and Safety monitoring report and discussed the recommended actions - Mr Whitehead is to ensure that these actions are completed, including an element of decluttering to help movement around the school. Governors noted the pressure on the school building from the number of children currently in school.

Governors again discussed the concerns around road safety outside school. Discussion has previously taken place with the Police Community Support Officer. Mr Whitehead and the vision leaders are to produce a video which should further help outline the concerns to the whole school community. Governors are to investigate further what traffic calming measures might be possible and how to take action on these.

Governors then looked at measures in place in school to ensure that children from all families are able to access all school activities, including trips, themed days and after school activities. Governors are confident that all children are able to fully participate in all aspects of school life and that Mr Whitehead and the staff team are flexible in managing activities.

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

John Perry
Chair of Governors
25 May 2022