



Rudgwick Primary School Governors Report 2022/23



The school has shown its resilience this year as we continue to progress after the long term difficulties caused by Covid19. We are grateful for the support of parents and carers and for the positive attitudes shown by all the children.

Attendance

We place a high importance on the value of good attendance, eg whole school attendance up to 30th June was 95.6% compared with 92.6% nationally, and 7% of children (14) had 100% attendance. Again, we are grateful for support in ensuring good attendance.

Safeguarding

All Governors have read the document 'Keeping Children Safe in Education (part1)' and are aware of its procedures. The school adheres to all statutory safeguarding practices.

Ofsted inspection

The School experienced an Ofsted inspection in March when there was a national debate about the suitability of providing a single summary of a complex institution – in our case 'good'. The full report is at <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/125849>

Staffing

The Senior Leadership has changed with the departure of our SENDCo Sharon Mellors, who was replaced by Carmel Wilson, and the welcome return of Hayley Edwards. There have also been some changes in staffing – we send our best wishes to all departing staff.

Governors

This year we said thanks and goodbye to Helen Marks; Insiyah Davenport, and Erin Herman joined us, and Joy Rolland became associate governor with special interest in Curriculum development

Monitoring Visits

We were able to continue one of our prime functions – monitoring the quality of education provided. We have visited lessons, interviewed Young Governors, and received presentations from subject leaders. We also participate in West Sussex Local Authority monitoring visits.

Staff and pupil wellbeing

Governors recognise the importance of staff and pupil wellbeing and the role that the governing board plays in ensuring all feel valued and supported. Given the challenges after COVID it is a tribute to all the staff that they have been able to ensure the continuity of education and still retain their air of professionalism. Governors are very keen in particular to look after staff well-being

Finance

The school continues to be run within budget despite the extra costs imposed by COVID catch-up. Generous additional funding from the PTA continues to be very gratefully received. The national picture regarding long term funding for teachers pay rise is most concerning

Governor Training

Governors attend training as and when appropriate. As a whole board we are formalising the aims of the school.

Health and Safety

Governor Mike Flower has responsibility for Health and Safety issues and reports regularly to the committee.

Pupil Attainment

We receive regular reports regarding the attainment of all pupils. The recent KS2 SATs results give a clear picture of the progress made by all pupils. Given the interruptions it is a testimony to the resilience of the children that they have done so well.

David Buckley Chair of Governors July 2023