



CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE GOVERNING BOARD 2024-2025

As always, I am proud to serve as Chair of Governors at Goat Lees Primary School for another year. Our Governing Board consists of dedicated volunteers, including parents, staff, and members of our wider community. Although our governors are unpaid, they may claim expenses. The Board's meetings are professionally minuted, and those minutes can be requested from the school office.

This year, we celebrate not only our continued progress but also the recognition of our school's hard work through a successful Ofsted inspection. The feedback from this inspection was overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the strong leadership, exceptional teaching, and the positive, inclusive environment that we continue to build together. It is a reflection of the dedication of our staff, and our school community, and we are proud to have received such a strong endorsement that work.

The Governing Board's Core Functions:

- 1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction**
- 2. Holding the Headteacher to account** for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, as well as the performance management of staff
- 3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school** and ensuring resources are well spent

The Governing Board brings a diverse set of skills, including expertise in management, finance, health and safety, and education. This wealth of experience ensures that we can monitor and steer the strategic direction of the school effectively. Every governor plays an integral role in the management of the school, attending both formal and informal visits that are crucial to our monitoring of the school's Improvement Plan. These include helping hear readers, liaising with link classes and teachers, and attending various school events such as assemblies and school fairs.

This year has also seen the development of new nurture areas throughout the school, which is a fantastic addition to the school site so that children receive the tailored support they need to thrive. These dedicated spaces allow for individualised learning and group support, further fostering our inclusive environment where all students, regardless of ability or need, are empowered to succeed.

Governors are always eager to understand how the school is supporting the learning outcomes of all students, especially through the development of new areas like this. The Headteacher continues to provide detailed reports for each Board meeting,

covering a range of key areas, including pupil progress, attendance, and notable achievements. We are also thrilled to see how the school has continued to grow and flourish, especially with the implementation of these new learning spaces.

A Special Mention!

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to everyone who contributes to the success of our school community. From our talented staff to our supportive parents and dedicated governors, the hard work and passion that everyone brings to Goat Lees Primary School make it an exceptional place of learning. Together, we continue to build an educational experience that serves the needs of all our children and families.