



CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE GOVERNING BOARD

2022-2023

All Governors with the exception of the Headteacher, are volunteers. They are unpaid but can claim expenses. The Board is made up of parents, a member of staff and other interested members of our community. The meetings are professionally minuted and can be requested from the school office. Following the resignation of our long serving chair, I was proud to take over the role of this amazing school. The Governing boards core functions include:

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, and the performance management of staff; and
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The Governors have a wide range of experiences and skills. These include managerial, financial, health and safety and educational expertise. Which ensures the strategic direction of the board is met and closely monitored. All governors play a vital role in the management of the school and attend many informal and formal visits, that make up the monitoring of the setting improvement plan. These consist of helping hear readers, liaising with link classes and teachers, attending events such as assemblies and school fayres.

The Headteacher produces reports for each Board meeting. Governors are always keen to know what the children are learning about, how the school is supporting education outcomes and development for all its children, what the attendance is like throughout the school and celebrate achievements of the whole school.

The school has continued to embed the nurture programme and this has impacted many areas of the school structure and routine. The governors are proud of the school and the hard work that has gone into ensuring the wellbeing of children and staff is a priority alongside education attainment.

Much work this year has been in creating a broad and balanced curriculum, the school has developed a new curriculum and working pairs to head its creation with staff that have expertise in this area. The governors have been informed well of its progress and are excited to see this continue to develop further.

May I take this opportunity to thank all governors, past and present, staff and of course our clerk. Finally I would like to express my sincere thanks to the entire Goat Lees Team for the time, determination and energy in building an educational experience that has positive outcomes for all children and families in our community.