

Brockwell Junior School

Chair of Governors Report 2018 / 2019

This is my first report as Chair of Governors. I have enjoyed being involved with the school this year, working with my fellow governors, school staff and in partnership with parents. Our aim has been to meet the needs of all children working towards excellent academic achievement in a positive learning environment. I'd like to thank my fellow governors for their input and support throughout the year.

Our Governing Board consisted of:

Parent Governors

Mr Andy Barnett
Mrs Emily Collis
Mrs Kelly Debell
Ms Melanie Edington
Mrs Leanne Richardson
Mr Chris Slack (Chair of Governors)

Associate Governors

Mr Mark Briddon

Local Authority Governor

Mr Michael Wall

Co-opted Governors

Mr Mike Barker (Chair of Resources Committee)
Mrs Sharon Holmes (Chair of Teaching & Learning Committee)
Mrs Tracy Horton

Staff Governors

Ms Catherine Holmes (Head Teacher)
Mrs Emma Crutchley (Deputy Head Teacher)

The Government requires all school governing bodies to undertake the following core strategic functions in managing a school:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos & strategic direction.
2. Holding the Head Teacher to account for educational attainment of the school and its pupils.
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school, ensuring best value and making sure school funds are well spent.

Governance Arrangements

The Governing Board meets six times a year with the sub-committees meeting on a termly basis. Our board members have a wide range of skills including, Finance, Human Resources, Business Management, Safeguarding, SEN and Education. We are always looking for new governors to enhance the skills set above. As such, if anyone is interested in becoming a school governor, please contact the school.

Work undertaken by Governing Body and Sub-Committees this year

1. We have monitored pupil attainment and progress. As in previous years, we have delivered excellent academic results maintaining performance above national average.
2. We have established further provision through our before school club & after school club.
3. We have invested in new curriculum resource to ensure the children have up to date materials. This includes £2,000 invested in upgrading our non-fiction resource, new schemes of work for PHSE, and humanities and STEM experiences for all children
4. We have made improvements to our school site, including a track on the field to give more access for sports activity when weather affected, a new playground extension with equipment and the automatic security gates at the entrance to school which are monitored by the school office. Our improvement programme is on-going as we have secured S106 funding through the Local Authority to increase accommodation space.
5. We have maintained a healthy financial position delivering a balanced budget while using our surplus to reinvest in school facilities.

All the work undertaken by the Governing Body is recorded in meeting minutes that are available on request.

Planning for the Future

The above mentioned S106 funding gives the school an opportunity to make improvements to our facilities that will enhance our provision well into the future. We will provide an environment to further deliver an enriched and innovative curriculum, while focusing on maintaining excellent academic performance throughout school. This will be closely monitored and improvements made where possible to ensure our standards remain consistently high.

Finally, on behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank all our staff for the professionalism, commitment and support they show towards the children in our school. I would also like to thank parents for their continued support, helping with homework and achieving an excellent attendance rate.