



## April 2022

Welcome to the Governing Body's Spring term newsletter.

It was so wonderful to hear about, and see, the school being able to lift many of the Covid19 restrictions in the new year and for the children to return to being able to enjoy whole school assemblies, Owl Groups, mixed playtimes and extra events like the Easter trail.

The school really was 'living with Covid' during the Spring term with many staff members and families affected – we thank the staff team for their resilience during this time and to parents at home for your support.

Now the sunshine is putting in an appearance and the summer term is filled with an engaging curriculum, Sports Days, class assemblies, school trips and FOGs events... there really is a lot to look forward to at Grangefield!

We hope you find this information useful in keeping you up-to-date with the Governing Body's work last term and some of the issues facing our school moving forward.

If you have anything you want to discuss or share with the governors please contact our Chair via email [chair@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk)

### Governing Body Update

Since our last newsletter, the Governing Body is very pleased to welcome Chet Mistry and Simon Brown as Parent Governors on the board. Vanessa Edwards has also joined us as the staff Governor.

Jo Powell, Graham Cowley and Andrew Solzga have resigned as Governors since our last newsletter – we thank them for their hard work and commitment to the school during their time on the Governing Board.

You can find out more about the members of the Governing Body members on the school website:

<https://grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk/the-governing-body/>

### Governing Body Meetings

Last term the Curriculum Committee and Resources Committee met twice, and the Full Governing Board met twice where a range of issues were discussed; some of which included:

- The school's financial budget for 2022-23;
- Pupil progress and attainment so far this year;
- The Pupil Premium Strategy;
- School behaviour and anti-bullying policies;
- The new EYFS curriculum framework;
- Health and Safety Policy and Fire Risk Assessment.

### Governors In School

As part of the Governing Body's monitoring responsibilities, Governors are involved in ensuring the school is making good progress towards achieving the actions in the School Development Plan.

Last term, Governors were fully involved in meeting with staff to monitor the progress and impact; some of our visits and meetings included:

- Steve Watts met with Mrs Edwards to discuss developments in English, and with Mrs Patel with regards to EYFS. He also took part in a fire drill!;
- To monitor the school's PE & School Sports Premium, Jo Powell met with Mrs Philips and Miss Sharpe;
- Vickie Phair met with Mrs Elander-Phoenix to discuss Special Educational Needs and Disability, and Pupil Premium;
- Miss Bennett met with Ron Storey to monitor maths, and he also met with Mr Allard and Mrs Philips to discuss teaching and learning in the phases they are responsible for;
- Dave Turl has met with Mrs Kay as Phase leader for Y3 & Y4 and Mr Spicer as Computing Lead. He has also monitored the schools safeguarding procedures.

### Parent Voice

As a Governing Body we strive to help the school's leaders to ensure that it is the best school possible, and this is only achievable by considering the views and opinions of all stakeholders. We invite all parents and carers to complete this short 'Ofsted-style' survey: <https://forms.gle/PaZrB3NKnpYsJp48> by 20<sup>th</sup> May. *Thank you!*