



## Autumn 2022

Welcome on behalf of all Governors to new families and staff that have joined the Grangefield community this term.

This is our first newsletter of this academic year, a place where we can share what Governors have been doing and how we work with the school leadership team to support the best provision for the children of Grangefield.

The Governing Board supports the school in its vision 'For children to recognise and achieve their full potential in a happy, caring and stimulating environment.' and works very closely with the Senior Leadership Team developing policies to ensure that the children are safe and that their individual needs are met.

Our role is threefold:

- to provide strategic direction,
- to be a critical friend,
- to ensure accountability.

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

At our first full Governing Board meeting of the year Steve Watts (LA Appointed Governor) was re-elected as Chair and David Turl (Co-opted Governor) was re-elected as Vice Chair. Our committee Chairs have been appointed and our Governors have been assigned link roles and monitoring duties for the year.

Last term we said farewell to Ron Storey (Co-opted Governor) who was a highly valued member of the Board and we thank him for his dedication to the school over the last few years. We have successfully elected a new Co-opted Governor, a Staff Governor and 3 new Parent Governors.

The Governing Board Members are:

- Mr Steve Watts (Chair)
- Mr Dave Turl (Vice Chair)
- Mrs Karen Lewis (Headteacher)
- Mrs Gemma Kydd (Co-opted)
- Miss Vic Allanson (Co-opted)
- Miss Vickie Phair (Co-opted)
- Mr Chet Mistry (Parent)
- Mr Jon Flack (Parent)
- Mr Simon Brown (Parent)
- Mrs Vanessa Edwards (Staff)

### Governors In School

This term we held a 'Governors In School Day' (and will do so each term this academic year), in addition to the link role visits that Governors conduct. Governors visited many lessons across the school, seeing how English, Maths and other curriculum areas are taught. Governors noted how engaged the children were in their learning, the high standards of behaviour and the passion of the staff both in their teaching and in their discussions about the curriculum.

### What we have been talking about...

We have many themes and discussion points that we revisit through the year, these are driven by both the national and local agendas.

At the Full Governing Board meetings we have ensured that Safeguarding Polices, Behaviour Polices and Health and Safety Polices are all up to date and effective in keeping the children safe.

We have discussed the School Development Priorities for the year, SEND provision, the Pupil Premium Strategy and the school Vision and Values.

We have also spent time looking at the feedback received through the parents survey sent out in the summer term. The results of this are very pleasing and a summary has been attached to this newsletter. Thank you for your support!

Our committees focus on areas that are specific to **Curriculum** (including standards and achievement, alongside curriculum development and the quality of teaching and learning) and **Resources** (including staffing, school finance, building and premises).

### Merry Christmas!

We wish the whole community a very happy Christmas. We thank all the school staff for their hard work and dedication this year, and hope 2023 brings more of the same as we continue to "Fly High, Spreading Our Wings".

