

CHAIR OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Academic Year 2015 – 2016

There is only one word to describe the Academic Year : **CHANGE**

Personnel

The Governing Body appointed a new Headteacher and Deputy who in turn appointed an experienced teacher to complete the Senior Leadership Team, which ensured that both teaching and achievement are of the highest standard.

The Children's Centre continues to be managed by the School and a co-ordinator has been appointed. The Governing Bodies of both Fairway and Northway have formed a joint Premises Committee in order to ensure cost effective management of the school buildings.

The Governing Body was strengthened when two experienced Governors were recruited. Governors understand their roles and responsibilities are to challenge the school's Leadership Team.

Teaching and Learning

Governors have reported that when they have visited the school they observed that children are taught through a variety of teaching styles and approaches. Children work on their own but also in groups. The children respond well to challenge and they are able to articulate what they learn.

Assessment

A new tracking system has been introduced which stores and analyses pupil data. Children are now being assessed in line with the expectation of the New National Curriculum.

E.Y.F.S.

An area of focus for Fairway has been Early Years Foundation Stage (E.Y.F.S.). The Headteacher enlisted the help of an Advanced Skills Teacher in order to improve quality of teaching and learning at the end of E.Y.F.S.

Governors are cognisant that the school has a clear plan of action to continue and maintain high quality of teaching and learning for all groups of pupils.

Behaviour

When talking to the children, they say they feel safe in the school. Governors have observed that pupils behave extremely well in lessons and in the playground.

Attendance

School attendance is monitored and we hope to reach the target of 97%.

Parents/carers are required to inform the school office of the reason for absence as soon as possible by letter, in person or by telephone. Failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence being recorded.

Absence should be reported to the school office (by telephone, or in person) before school commences on the morning of absence.

Fines are imposed by the L.A. for **unauthorised absence**. This would include taking a holiday in term time. The school does not receive any money collected in fines.

Governors take this opportunity to thank parents and carers in getting the children to school punctually. Parents and carers are always welcome to attend assemblies to celebrate learning achievements, reaching targets and children who have had positive learning experiences through perseverance.

P.T.A.

I would like to thank all the parents and carers who have contributed to the success of the Parents Teacher Association (P.T.A.). Your fundraising efforts are very well appreciated by the staff and governors.

In conclusion, 2015-2016, all the changes have been to nurture, inspire and challenge all of our children. In partnership with the parents, staff and the community, the Governors continue to maintain Fairway and the Children's Centre as a safe place where children love to come and be educated.

Our priorities for this Academic Year are to continue to:

- Embed Reading, writing and Phonics
- Develop Mathematics to include skills and investigations (Applied Maths)
- Develop Science – investigations
- Challenge **all** pupils (less able to the most able)
- Monitor and encourage good attendance
- Support and monitor staff recruitment and retention.

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