

Prior Heath Infant School



Status confirmed 2010!

25th March 2015

Meeting of the Governing Body, 11 March 2015

School upgrades

We are still investigating improvements to the parking situation meanwhile an additional parking place has been installed and we are awaiting the decision from SHBC to create more spaces in the Prior Road car park service road.

New mobile tables have been purchased for lunchtime and have proved more efficient and safer for staff.

The Governing Body

The Governing Body represents all the key stakeholders in the school, with members nominated by Surrey County Council, the parents and the staff, and additional members to represent the community. We are delighted to welcome Jayne Manners as a new parent governor to the team.

Strategy and Planning

Governors agreed their current position on Academies as that “they were very comfortable with the current stance and saw no perceived advantage to the children’s learning in changing to an academy at this time”.

The Governing Body focuses each of its meetings on one or two facets of the Ofsted assessment criteria and one or two aspects of the School Development Plan, to ensure that plans are being effectively executed, and improvements achieved and sustained with the necessary level of evidence.

This term we looked at “Leadership and Management” of the school to confirm our assessment and supporting evidence.

Governors are assigned to track the specific School Development Plan targets to enable a more integrated approach. Learning walks have been booked this academic year to help validate progress against SDP objectives e.g. EYFS and Outdoor Learning, Reading, Speaking and Listening, Science and SEND and Pupil Premium provision. Governors also helped to conduct the pupil survey and the pupils views were incorporated into the School Development planning meeting.

The School Development Plan meeting with staff, governors and parent representatives was held on 18th March 2015, with input from the school council, pupil and parent surveys. Thank you to all those who attended the meeting and contributed to the stimulating debate and the resulting action plan which will be embodied into the new School Development Plan.

School Curriculum

Staff continue to work closely together to implement the new curriculum and prepare for its introduction in Year 2 in September 2015.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development (SMSC)

Governors are aware this is a key focus in schools and that currently there is an even greater emphasis following the concerns raised by Ofsted in several schools. Key aspects of SMSC should be delivered in schools and include democracy, the rule of English law, individual liberty and mutual respect; examples of how these are covered in our school include: school council membership, head teacher’s award assembly topics, Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL), school rules, RE syllabus and sportsman visitor to school.

Cultural Education

Governors are assured that the broad level of Cultural Education that each child should receive by the time they are 7 years is delivered effectively at Prior Heath by their participation in art, reading books, music and dance.

For example by participation in the Christmas performance, choir, recorder playing, travelling theatre visit and various Year group visits.

The school website publishes all the statutory and other useful information online. This includes Pupil Premium and Sports Funding statements, and has been extended to include the “Local Offer” for Special Educational Needs. The school still plans to publish a prospectus as a marketing aid each year.

Universal Free School Meals

During the Easter holiday further work on refurbishment of the kitchen with new ovens and steamer will take place.

School Policies

The following policies were reviewed and adopted as part of the annual cycle.

- Financial Policy
- Responding to Parents Concerns
- Whistle Blowing
- Special Leave (and Adverse Weather/Disruption to Travel)
- Staff Attendance Management
- Equal Opportunities
- Ending Bullying in the Workplace
- Disciplinary and Capability
- Appraisal – whole school
- Accessibility
- Children in Care
- Gifted & Talented
- Pupils with Medical Needs
- Sex and Relationships

Policies will be updated on the website as appropriate and parents are reminded that copies of all the school policies are available in the school office - this notification is a statutory requirement.

Budget

The 2015/16 planned budget is being prepared and the school has operated in line with the budget for this year. Surplus funds have been committed for future maintenance work.

Meetings during the year

The Governing Body plans to meet on 7th July 2015.

Martyn Keates, Chair of Governors