

Prior Heath Infant School



Status confirmed 2010!

29th March 2018

Meeting of the Governing Body Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.30pm

Dear Parents

First of all I would like to thank you, on behalf of the Governing body, for you continuing support for Prior Heath. We recognise that there are many parties involved in the education and welfare of our children and by working together we continue to keep Prior Heath as an outstanding school.

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 seeking one co-opted governor who has electrical/mechanical/building fabric experience to strengthen the governing body. Should parents have contacts that may be interested and have the time commitment to join us please let the office know

All the Governors sign a Code of Practice which serves as a reminder of the objectives and expectations of the role. In the interest of full transparency governor business interests and attendance are published on the school website. Information about the makeup of the governing body and their roles can be found in the "Our School" section of the website.

At the governing body meeting governors completed a self evaluation to identify strengths and areas for development in the governing body skills and knowledge.

A number of Governors have attended a range of training to support their roles which has sharpened governors' focus on how to meet their responsibilities.

Strategy and Planning

The annual review of the School Development Plan (SDP) took place on 20th March, involving governors, staff and PTA representatives in setting their collective expectations for the future development of the school. The results of that meeting are being used for prioritising and planning actions for this year. I would like to say thank you to all those who attended or contributed to this event and will include a termly update on the progress of these actions in my termly Chairs reports.

During the meeting the Headteacher updated the governors on the progress of the School Development Priorities for this year. We are delighted that significant progress has been made towards achieving the Green flag status for the Eco Schools.

Each term Governors undertake learning walks to monitor and challenge progress against School Development Plan objectives, these are updated following analysis of data for Key Stage One and EYFS results each year, to ensure that all children reach their full potential while at Prior Heath. This term governors looked at Science, Computing and Pupil Premium.

Academies

A special working group of governors has continued to track and investigate the evolution of the academy process to ensure that the school remains fully informed of the options and benefits.

School Curriculum

The staff have completed training for maths, spelling and are to attend PE, phonics and SEN training in the summer term.

The following policies/documents were agreed for adoption: Complaints, Whistle Blowing School Fund, Governor Expenses, Grievance, Staff Attendance ,Disciplinary, Equal Opportunities, Anti Bullying , Data Protection and Handling, Adverse Weather, Sponsorship, Assessment Policies, Reporting and Recording policy, Learning and Teaching policy, SEN and Inclusion Policy, The use of Restrictive Physical Intervention and the Touch Policy. Copies of all the school policies are available from the school office.

School upgrades

A climbing wall has been installed in the field as suggested at the last SDP meeting for the whole community and children are now using it enthusiastically! The refurbishment of the KS1 school corridor ceilings will take place in the Easter holidays.

The school website publishes statutory and other useful information online. This includes the Pupil Premium and Sports Funding strategy and the “Local Offer” for Special Educational Needs.

The Governing Body plans to meet on

Tuesday, Tuesday 3 July 2018

Tuesday 18 September 2018 Business Meeting/Safeguarding update

Tuesday 20 November 2018

I would like to thank all the Prior Heath Staff for their hard work in keeping children healthy and happy while producing outstanding results again and for the wonderful contribution that parents/carers came to this achievement.

On behalf of The Governors I would like to wish you all a pleasant Easter break.

Martyn Keates

Chair of Governors