

Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery Chair of Governors Report 2021-2022

This school year has been our first full year back since the pandemic started in 2022. The pandemic has affected our pupils, our staff and our communities in so many ways, which was why from the outset of the school year it was the priority of the School Governors to support the school back to some sense of normality. I am pleased to report back to parents that school have achieved exactly that. Our pupils are back into classrooms, interacting with their friends, cultivating life skills and absorbing the excitement and buzz of being back in a physical learning environment.

Each month, we get to hear from different subject leads in the school about the development of the curriculum and what impact this is having on our pupils learning. We are always heartened to hear about the exciting activities our pupils get up to. From winning awards, to going on school trips, to making a difference in the local community.



But most excitingly, we enjoyed hearing all the stories about the joint parents, staff and pupil Jubilee picnic! We were so pleased to hear the weather held out for you all!



Inevitably, being a governor is also about making tough decisions, and with the rising cost of living and cuts to education budgets we are working hard to make sure our money as a school goes further and supports the wide-ranging learning outcomes for our pupils. We have spent time thinking about how we can generate more income for the school and with three determined parents Governors on the Board we are looking for more parents to get involved in our Parent Association. So, if you are interested, please do speak to Miss Neary about this.

As we look to next year, alongside the school we are really excited about our new building. Many of you will have seen it been knocked down, and over the course of the last 12-16 months be re-built. As a Board we made the decision to close the school a few days before the start of Autumn Half Term to give the staff the time to move and settle into the new building. But this means, that if all goes well, we will be in the new building just before Christmas which is very exciting. It has been a long time coming and I want to thank all parents and guardians for adapting during this time.



As a governing board we need to ensure the school maintains all preparation for an Ofsted inspection, that the school continues to focus on bridging the learning gap for our pupils who missed out on so much during the pandemic and as a Board we need to keep challenging ourselves to add value and support the school as a critical friend.

I know you will agree with me when I say that Miss Neary and her staff team have done a wonderful job this year. Thank you to all our wonderful pupils for all their hard work this year. But most importantly, thank you parents and guardians for continuing to support the school.

I hope you all have a restful summer break. See you all in September.

Kind regards

Misha Upadhyaya
Chair of Govenors