

GOVERNING BODY OBJECTIVES FOR 2020-21

Covid-19 Catch-up

All our children have experienced an unprecedented disruption to their normal educational routines. The government has announced their Covid-19 catch-up premium and national tutoring programme (NTP) and, whilst it is unlikely that our children will have access to the NTP, we are expecting approximately £12,000 in catch up premium.

This funding was announced in Summer 2020 and some part of it has already been deployed on additional staff to assist in promoting catch-up work and enable a restructuring to single-year classes throughout the School.

We know that we have the professional knowledge and expertise in our School to enable our children and young people recover and get back on track, and to ensure that our pupils have all the support they need to make up for lost teaching time.

The School Improvement Plan (SIP) for 2020-21 includes Covid 19 catch-up throughout its remit, and we will work closely with the Headteacher and leadership team as the situation evolves.

The particular challenge facing the governors over the next academic year is to continue to monitor progress towards the objectives in the SIP through our governor monitoring visits. A Covid-19 secure approach to governor monitoring visits will be drawn up and implemented to cover core and foundation subjects.

Board Self-Assessment

Following the governors' individual skills audit in 2019, which takes place on alternate years, the governing body will be conducting a self-review measuring performance against each of the domains outlined in the document "Twenty Questions - key questions every governing board should ask itself" which was produced by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Education Governance & Leadership.

<https://www.nga.org.uk/getmedia/028dfea6-8313-4339-96ed-fa61e0769fe4/Twenty-questions-second-edition-2015.pdf>

The first challenge for the governing body will be to agree an approach to addressing this task and this will be on our agenda early in 2021.

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