

## Local Governing Body Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> September

### Summary Minutes

The LGB met for the first time this academic year on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. Steven Price was re-elected as Chair and retains his role on the HUET Board of Trustees. Jo Chown was re-elected Vice Chair and agreed to continue to chair the Resources Committee which reviews Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Human Resources and monitors the school budget. Sue Fitzjohn agreed to continue to chair the Standards and Learning Committee which scrutinises how children are taught, that there is evidence of children making progress and that teachers are following agreed policies in how this is to be achieved.

The Governors took the opportunity to look at the improved outdoor learning space around the reception classes. This enclosed structure means that children can move in and out of their classrooms to engage with additional learning activities that their teachers have provided; opportunities that previously would have been significantly hindered by the temperamental British weather. The Governors were impressed that this management of resources and capacity has resulted in a 10:1 pupil to staff ratio. Governors were also assured that Reception children have priority access to the 'purple room' should the need arise.

The Governors each received a letter from their link class to which they were asked to respond and they also decided which subject areas they will support and challenge through the year. The membership of the aforementioned committees was agreed as was governor representation on the Trustees of the Parish Hall committee.

We received a Head Teacher report from Mrs Baynes and of note were the areas of focus for the school, reaffirming the ambition to be judged as 'outstanding' when Ofsted next visit:

1. **Children's Mental Health** – promotion of resilience, building self-confidence and providing programmes of support and encouragement
2. **Extra-Curricular offerings** – increasing the type and range of clubs on offer
3. **Developing Children's Oracy** – improving children's spoken English, developing listening skills and performance confidence
4. **Taking the school into the community** – expanding the links with other organisations in the community and increasing the pupils' awareness of and tolerance for other cultures and practices
5. **Spelling** – developing a school-wide spelling programme

The school budget, now that KPS is an Academy, was reviewed and our financial position is a strong one, despite the well documented underfunding of schools in Worcestershire. There is a healthy budget surplus which the school has earmarked for contributing towards the building of additional classrooms, to support the commitment that children living in Kempsey can attend the school as the village expands. The Local Authority has agreed that the building of additional classrooms is necessary but the level of contribution from the LA has yet to be finalised. Once this has been agreed, the school will be in a better position to share the draft architect plans with parents, carers and stakeholders.

The next meeting of the LGB will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017