

## **GHYLLGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **Annual Governor Statement for the Governing Body March 2023**

In accordance with the Government's requirements for all governing bodies, the three core strategic functions of our Governing body are:

1. Ensure clarity of Vision, ethos, and strategic direction
2. Challenge and hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its funds are well spent.

### **Governance Arrangements in 2023**

The Governing body of Ghyllgrove Community Primary School is made up as follows:

2 Staff Governors

0 Parent Governors

1 Local Authority Governor

5 Co-opted Governors

1 Associate Governor

The governing body meets twice termly and have one main committee to consider different aspects of the school, the Premise Personnel and Finance Committee (PPF). Additional committees meet as required to consider such issues as Pupil Discipline and Heads recruitment.

### **Attendance Record of Governors**

Governors regularly attend meetings and give hours of voluntary service to the school. During the last school year, the full Governing Body met termly. The subcommittees also met once a term. Individual Governors visit the school to listen to pupils read termly and meet with core subject leaders yearly. Governors report back to either the Full Governing Body or sub committees as appropriate regarding progress of the school towards meeting its annual targets.

### **The Work of the Governing Body**

The Governing body's work was not curtailed during Covid. Governors continued to meet virtually via teams with the Head (S) to look at and discuss the school's performance in difficult times and support the school in key decisions made when reopening.

The Governors are again carrying out a skills audit to ensure we have capacity to cover all the key areas of Governance.

We are also keen to recruit a Parent Governor and I'm happy to speak to any parent to discuss. Please contact the school if you are interested.

### **Future Plans**

The Governors main focus our key responsibilities of monitoring schools performance and value for money. This applies especially now with the rise in energy costs and other costs at the school. The budget will be keenly monitored at all Governor meetings to ensure Value for money.

As Covid restrictions have passed Governors are now visiting the school as well as meeting face to face to support the school to become Outstanding.

Another of the governors focus's this year will be to investigate joining an Academy and we have started this process this month by organising meetings with Academies already operating in Basildon

Governors are always impressed when visiting the school and seeing it in action for all pupils.

The Governors have been impressed with how our Deputies have stepped up to lead the school and we are impressed with their vision.

As Governors we are grateful to BEP for their valued assistance to the school.

### **How to contact the Governing Body**

As a Governing body, we always welcome suggestions, feedback, and ideas from the parents.

The Chair of Governors, Colin Moloney, can be contacted via the School Office. The School Office also hold a full list of Governors (which can also be found on the schools website) and minutes of governing body meetings.

### **Colin Moloney**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Moloney'.

### **Chair of Governors**