



A Note from the Federation School Governors – July 2022



At the end of another busy and turbulent academic year, which has at last seen the easing of the Covid-19 restrictions, it has been good to see a return to more normal school routines, events and activities across the Federation. Indeed, we are presently surrounded by the happy, smiling – and tired – faces of the children returning from their stay at Carlton Lodge. As a governing body, we have been repeatedly impressed by the outstanding efforts of the staff and Executive Headteacher to reintroduce these activities and, with pride, we recognise their indomitable spirit in rising to every challenge and working tirelessly to further the best interests of the children.

Over the year, through a mixture of face-to-face and network-enabled formats, governors have been able to attend Full Governing Board meetings and meetings of the School Improvement Committee and Resources Committee. After receiving the agenda for each meeting, we have been able to read and familiarise ourselves with the associated issues through electronic access to all relevant documents. Subsequently, through rigorous questioning, we have held the Executive Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the schools and the overall wellbeing of the staff and pupils. An overarching action plan is reviewed and, if necessary, reformulated after each meeting.

The co-chairs of the governing body and the Executive Headteacher have regular meetings to examine all aspects of the Federation Improvement Plan. The extraordinary efforts demanded by the pandemic of the children and staff, and especially the Executive Headteacher, has meant that associated welfare issues have been a key focus during these meetings.

The Executive Headteacher has kept the co-chairs fully up to date with the measures put in place to speed the recovery of both schools from the effects of Covid-19 and secure the earliest return to a normal learning environment. We have discussed and supported these actions throughout the year and look forward to seeing the undoubted benefits in the next academic year.

Finally, we would like to thank all the parents and carers for their continuing support of the schools and applaud all who have volunteered their time, especially participants in FOHS and FOSS for their continual fundraising efforts, it is greatly appreciated.

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