

Caroline Haslett Primary School



# GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2023

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## Our Work This Term

During our first full year since covid, the governing board have been delighted to resume normal operation. This has allowed us to return to physical school visits and attend in-person training provided by the Local Authority. Additionally, we have been able to adopt new ways of working, which have included holding virtual committee meetings, allowing for better time management for all volunteers and using tools that allow for collaborative work online.

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## Summary Of Our Work This Year

<b>Meetings</b> 3 Full governing board 3 Resources and Personnel (virtual) 3 Teaching Learning, Pupils and Parents (virtual)	<b>Policies Reviewed</b> 25 policies reviewed and approved including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child Protection</li><li>• Early Years</li><li>• Extended Schools</li></ul>	<b>Governors Tea Parties</b> 3 tea parties were held where children discussed their experiences at the school with governors over biscuits and squash.
<b>School Visits</b> 21 school visits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safeguarding</li><li>• SEN</li><li>• Data Privacy</li><li>• Wellbeing / PSHE</li><li>• Health and Safety</li></ul>	<b>Training</b> Over 30 training courses have been attended including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finances for Schools</li><li>• LADO</li><li>• Safeguarding</li><li>• Cyber Security</li><li>• GDPR</li></ul>	<b>Finance</b> The School's three-year budget was reviewed and approved. The school has worked hard to ensure the budget is balanced despite the increases in costs.
<b>Family Feedback Survey</b> A new survey has been created and circulated to parents. Results are to be reviewed after the summer break.	<b>Exit Interviews</b> Interviews have resumed allowing the governing board to gain additional insights into what is working and where improvements could be made	<b>Links with other Governing Boards</b> We met with another governing board from a local school to share ideas, best practices as well as attending their governing board meeting as an observer.

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## Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6) Results

The governors would like to thank all staff and pupils for their hard work over this academic year. The school has had another incredibly successful year and we are pleased to share the results with you:

- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling - 97% at Expected Level. 75% at Greater Depth
- Reading - 90% at Expected Level, 35% at Greater Depth.
- Writing - 90% at Expected Level, 52% at Greater Depth
- Maths - 92% at Expected Level, 60% at Greater Depth

You can compare school results using this website:

<https://www.find-school-performance-data.service.gov.uk/>

## Changes To Our Governing Board

We are sad to be losing Samantha Potter and Seyi Oladipo from our governing board. We have greatly benefited from Sam's experience and knowledge in SEND as well as Seyi's expertise in IT and thorough investigations. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work

We will be looking for new governors in the new school year. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about becoming a school governor, you can do so here:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/about/become-a-governor-trustee/>

Or email [sgodfrey@carolinehaslett.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:sgodfrey@carolinehaslett.milton-keynes.sch.uk)



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## Family Feedback Survey

A new survey for families has been created and circulated by the governors. Your honest feedback is immensely appreciated and will be used to make positive changes so that we can continue to improve our school. <https://tinyurl.com/PSCHPS>



## Review of School Values

The governing board revisited the school values which form the core of everything we do. Our ethos, behaviours and the parameters in which success is achieved are all guided by our values. The children are not just taught the meaning of the values but are encouraged and nurtured to live them. These values allow the children to recognise the importance of building strong relationships and fostering a supportive environment for them to grow in. Our values encourage children to embrace the diversity of our community, understanding different perspectives and backgrounds that enrich our collective experiences. We celebrate creativity, encouraging innovation and imaginative thinking in all aspects of school life.

Our values are:

Each Other	Diversity	Creativity	Politeness
Ambition	Excellence	Democracy	Rule of Law
Individual Liberty	Respect	Tolerance	Sensitivity
Motivation	Attentiveness	Responsibility	Truthfulness

Our values can be found at: [School Values](#)

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## IT Upgrade


The school has invested in a major upgrade of IT infrastructure. The governors worked closely with the school to assess the proposals from three vendors to ensure the school's needs were met and provided the best value. Work to upgrade the school's server has been completed successfully.

## Wellbeing Fair

The governors participated in the school's first Wellbeing Fair. The turnout of organisations and groups was fantastic. There were stalls representing a variety of community-based support opportunities. It was wonderful to see both staff and families turn up and spend time talking to the wonderful people at each stand and learning about the support opportunities available. The governors were pleased to meet with families and staff at the fair and to discuss how well-being is supported at the school.

## Thank You To The Friends Committee

The governing board would like to thank the Friends Committee for their continued support and for providing the children with such enriching opportunities throughout the school year. The Friends Committee through their fundraising events has raised a staggering £11k this academic year.



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## Governors' Awards

On the afternoon of Tuesday 18th July, we held our annual Governors' Awards Ceremonies which celebrates achievements and talents of all kinds across the school. This was attended by the Mayoress of Milton Keynes and also included a surprise celebrity presentation for the Science Award. This was a heartwarming afternoon, enjoyed by families, staff and children. Governors enjoyed celebrating children's successes and took the opportunity to thank the whole staff team for their dedication, support and hard work this year.



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## Our Governing Board

<b>Julia Ahulu</b> <b>Parent Governor</b>  Vice Chair, Chair of Resources and Personnel Committee  Development Governor Creative Arts, Science	<b>Sadia Farooq</b> <b>Co-opted Governor</b>  Safeguarding and Looked After Children English	<b>Andrea Fergusson</b> <b>Associate Member</b>  School Business Manager
<b>Steven Godfrey</b> <b>Co-opted Governor</b>  Chair  Asset Management Data Protection	<b>Kath Keillor</b> <b>Co-opted Governor</b>  Chair of Teaching, Learning, Pupils and Parents Committee  Safer Recruitment Modern Foreign Languages	<b>Hema Kotecha-Clarke</b> <b>Parent Governor</b>  Stakeholder Engagement Wellbeing
<b>Seyi Oladipo</b> <b>Co-opted Governor</b>  Computing and E-safety Maths	<b>Sandra Ottaway</b> <b>Deputy Headteacher</b>	<b>Maddie Palmer</b> <b>Parent Governor</b>  Health and Safety and school environment
<b>Paul Quinton</b> <b>Headteacher</b>	<b>Helen Thomson</b> <b>Staff Governor</b>	<b>Chris Williams</b> <b>Co-opted Governor</b>  Humanities
<b>John Browne</b> <b>Local Authority Governor</b>  Early Years	<b>Samantha Potter</b> <b>Parent Governor</b>  Special Educational Needs and Disability	

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