Sunnyfields Primary School Impact of Governance Statement 2025-26

Impact of Governance

Our Governing Body plays a pivotal role in shaping the strategic direction of the school, holding leaders to account and ensuring that every decision is focused on improving outcomes for pupils.

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Personal Development and Pupil Voice
Governors have actively supported the school's vision and values, ensuring that pupils' personal development remains a key priority. Through regular engagement with pupils and school leaders, governors have championed opportunities for children to articulate and celebrate their learning across the wider curriculum. They have also enhanced enrichment provision, including supporting educational visits such as trips to the Town Hall, which broaden pupils' understanding of citizenship and community life.

Supporting Excellence through Ofsted
Governors made a significant contribution to the school's positive Ofsted outcome through rigorous monitoring, strategic challenge and a strong focus on pupil voice. Their first-hand understanding of the school's strengths and priorities enabled them to provide effective support and accountability, helping to secure continued school improvement.

Financial Stewardship
Governors have provided robust oversight of the school's finances, ensuring that resources are used efficiently and strategically to maximise impact for pupils. Through careful budget monitoring, they have prioritised investment in high-quality teaching and learning, SEND provision and opportunities that promote pupils' physical and emotional wellbeing.

Developing the School Environment
Governors have supported significant improvements to the school's outdoor environment, including the redevelopment of the junior playground. These enhancements have increased opportunities for physical activity, play and social interaction, contributing positively to pupils' health, wellbeing and engagement in school life.

Safeguarding and Online Safety
Safeguarding remains at the heart of governors' work. Governors have worked closely with school leaders to strengthen the school's safeguarding culture and champion the importance of online safety across the whole community. Their strategic support was instrumental in the school achieving the nationally recognised 360 Degree Safe School Award. Governors have also ensured that staff understand and fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities in line with *Keeping Children Safe in Education* guidance.

Progress and Achievement
Governors rigorously monitor pupil achievement and progress across all year groups and vulnerable groups. Through detailed analysis of attainment and progress information, including reading, writing, mathematics, phonics, SPaG and Early Years outcomes, governors provide both support and challenge to leaders. This robust accountability ensures that all pupils, including

disadvantaged pupils and those with SEND, receive the support they need to thrive and achieve their full potential.

Early Years

Governors maintain a strong focus on the Early Years Foundation Stage, working closely with leaders to ensure that children receive a strong start to their education. Through visits, discussions and monitoring activities, governors have helped ensure that provision remains ambitious, nurturing and responsive to children's needs, laying strong foundations for future success.

Overall Impact

Through strategic leadership, effective challenge and support, governors have helped create a culture of ambition, inclusion and continuous improvement. Their work has strengthened safeguarding, enhanced educational provision, improved the learning environment and ensured that every decision remains focused on achieving the best possible outcomes for all pupils.

Effective governance ensures that Sunnyfields Primary School continues to provide a high-quality education in which pupils are safe, happy and successful.