

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a privilege to continue in my role as Chair of Governors at Oakhill Primary School over the past twelve months.

We, as a governing body, are incredibly proud of your children. Their progress and achievements would not be possible without your continued support and involvement in their education. We sincerely thank you for everything you do — both for your children and for the wider school community.

Throughout this academic year, the governing body has remained committed to our core responsibilities: supporting the school's leadership, driving high standards, and asking the challenging questions needed to ensure every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We were especially pleased to appoint Mr. Smith as Headteacher in December, and we look forward to the school's continued growth under his leadership. We have also contributed to the appointments of Mrs Dodd as Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Cartner as School Operations Manager. Both of these appointments have been key for the school to continue to develop. We have also supported in the other appointment of other staff over the year.

Our Governing Body is made up as follows:

Name	Type of Governor
Mr J Toft - Chair	Co-opted
Mrs M Tatton	Co-opted
Miss B Else	Staff
Mr S Smith	Headteacher
Mrs A Simkins	Co-opted
Mrs H Dodd	Deputy Headteacher
Ms H Bathgate	Co-opted
Ms L Reddaway	Parent
Ms A Saghir	Parent
Vacancy	Co-opted

This year, we adopted a new approach by replacing sub-committee meetings with four full governing body meetings. We felt our time would be more effectively spent in school — undertaking learning walks, observing lessons, and spending time with your children. This approach has given us valuable insight into the day-to-day life of the school and how each child's needs are being met.

Every time we visit Oakhill, we are struck by the happy, engaged learners who are excited to be in school and eager to succeed.

Our school's attendance this year stands at 94.5%, just below the national average of 94.9%. We are grateful to all families who continue to prioritise regular attendance. With your support, we aim to raise this figure even further in the coming year.

I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who generously give their time to support our school — whether it's reading with children, assisting on school trips, or helping with the recent community clean-up efforts.

Your contributions make a real difference and are truly appreciated.

We continue to collaborate with the Orchard Community Trust on a range of initiatives designed to benefit both staff and pupils. This partnership plays a key role in the school's development.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and their families, we wish them every success in their next chapter. We also send best wishes to any other families who will be moving on this summer — we hope you leave with fond memories of your time at Oakhill.

To the families of children joining us in September — a very warm welcome! You've made an excellent choice, and we are confident your children will thrive and enjoy their journey at Oakhill.

We always welcome feedback, comments, and suggestions from our school community. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there's anything you'd like to share.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. Wishing you all a happy, restful, and enjoyable summer break.

Jason A. Toft
Chair of Governors
Oakhill Primary School