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Dear parents and carers,

It has been an absolute pleasure for me to continue as the Chair of Governors on the Oakhill Primary School Governing Body during the last twelve months.

The governors are so very proud of your children. The children cannot continue to make progress without your full support and I know how much you care about their education – so thank you from us all for the support you continue to provide to your children and also to the school.

This year, the governing body has continued our responsibilities to support the school, raise standards and ask the challenging questions where necessary to ensure that all our children have the opportunity to develop their potential to the fullest.

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
Mrs Leach	Headteacher
Ms S Vorajee	Co-opted
Ms H Bathgate	Co-opted
Ms L Reddaway	Parent
Vacancy	Parent
Vacancy	Co-opted

Each governor will sit on at least one of our 3 committees, and these are as follows

- Strategic committee (Full Governors) - Chair: Mr J Toft
- Audit, Finance and Premises committee - Chair: Mr J Toft
- Curriculum, Standards and Quality committee - Chair: Mrs M Tatton



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As governors we are regular visitors to the school attending achievement assemblies, lesson observations, support with visits away from school and we work closely with members of the school senior leadership team. Whenever we visit Oakhill, we see a school full of happy children who want to learn and succeed and are happy to go to school.

We are extremely pleased to see that our children, through your support, have managed to achieve 95.2% attendance this academic year. The National attendance is 94.4%. Thank you to everyone who have supported the school in encouraging your children to attend school on a daily basis. We hope you will continue to support the school in encouraging attendance from September onwards.

I would also like to thank everyone that gives up their time to volunteer at school. From those who come in and listen to our children read, to those who assist with visits that take place away from school to the people that gave up their time recently to help tidy up the school allotment, your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Being a governor at Oakhill for approaching 25 years has been very rewarding, it has given me a different insight into how a school is run along with how much hard work and pressure goes with the job of being a teacher. It is most definitely not a 9am to 3pm job with lots of holidays!

We do have a vacancy for a parent governor so if you'd like to join our board please get in touch with me on the following email address jtoft@oakhillprimaryschool.org.uk or make contact with the school office and arrangements can be made to meet with you to discuss the role further.

Back in October, we welcomed inspectors from Ofsted to our school and were thrilled to receive their report and gradings which are shown below:

OFSTED AREA:	CURRENT GRADE (OCTOBER 2023)
Overall effectiveness	GOOD
Quality of education	GOOD
Behaviour & Attitudes	OUTSTANDING
Personal development	OUTSTANDING
Leadership & Management	GOOD
Quality of early years education	GOOD



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I wish to put on record our sincere thanks to every member of staff (both teaching and support staff) for their hard work and determination over the last 5 years. The gradings are so very well deserved. As governors we will work closely with the school to build on this result over the years to come.

As you will know, Oakhill was one of the founding schools of the Orchard Community Trust. We continue to work with the trust on initiatives that will benefit our staff and children to ensure that as many children as possible get the best possible education across the city.

We are about to say goodbye to our Year 6 children and their families. We want to wish them every success for the next stage of their learning journey. There will be other families leaving Oakhill over the summer and we wish those children all the very best at their new schools too. We hope that all our leavers will leave with many happy memories of their time here at Oakhill.

We would also like to say welcome to all parents of children who will be joining our school in September; you've made an excellent choice in choosing to send your children to Oakhill.

We welcome feedback, comments, and suggestions from everyone connected with Oakhill so please do get in touch if you have anything to share.

Thank you for all of your continued support and I hope you all have a great summer.

Jason A Toft

Chair of Governors

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