

Governing Body Action Plan 2024 – 2025

Aim: Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

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| Approve School Development Plan and ensure it supports the vision and ethos of the school | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the vision, including the new Curriculum Intent document, is embedded in the SDP. Review, challenge and approve the SDP for 2022-23. | All All | Approval of an SDP with priorities in line with the school's vision and ethos. Evidence from meeting minutes and visits of Governors reviewing and challenging progress on the SDP priorities. | Approved in Summer 24 FGB and Autumn 24 CLC meetings |
| Ensure Governors are well trained and their skills developed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New governors to attend New Governor Induction training Attend high quality and appropriate Governor Training | Gov services All TM, all | Governors to have attended high quality training during this academic year including safeguarding training Training log kept on governorhub | |
| Recruit new Governors to meet the skills requirements of the Governing Body | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out an annual skills audit Recruitment process for new governors Elections for parent governor(s) Complete induction of new Governors | SO RM CM, LO RM | Skills audit completed , analysed and plan to fill any gaps identified produced. New governors recruited and inducted into the Governing Body as per induction policy. | Circulated to new Govs Oct 24 |
| Ensure that Governors focus on the strategic direction of the school | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure meetings are adequately attended and efficiently chaired to allow focus on strategic direction Report on Termly Briefing at each GB meeting Organise governors to rotate attendance at Termly Briefings | RM, All RM, All All | Adequate Governors attendance recorded. Meeting minutes demonstrating focus on strategic direction. Attendance at all Termly Briefings and feedback to Governors at | |

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| Ensure regular review and approval of school policies and procedures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow programme of policy and procedure review and approval Circulate all papers for review one week in advance of meetings | RM, RR, SF RM, RR, SF, CM, Clerk | All policies reviewed as per schedule. All papers circulated one week in advance of meetings. | Completed for F&GP by SF May 25 |
| Complete regular evaluation of the Governing Body to optimise its performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop new format for action plan to allow for better self-monitoring and evaluation Chair's 360 degree feedback Induction process for new governors Yearly 1:1 meetings with governors Evaluate Action Plan at annual planning meeting | RM RM RM/CM/LO RM RM | Previous action plan used to evaluate performance and to create new goals. Complete and analyse chair's 360 feedback. Chair to have offered 1:1 meetings with all Governors Induction for new Governors | |
| Aim: Hold the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils | | | | |
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| Ensure that appraisal is carried out effectively | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree an external consultant and a Governor Team to carry out HT appraisal Appoint Governors to HT Pay Review Panel Receive high quality and appropriate governor training. | All RM All | HT appraisal to have been completed with external advisor. | |
| Optimise communication with Stakeholders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular letter to parents from chair of governors Complete annual governors report Update governors' page on the school website Inform Governors of dates of events throughout the school year to enable attendance at key events eg year 6 show, school fair Christmas Card and end of summer term letter/card to staff Provide snacks for pupils during SATS week Receive reports from SLT and phase and subject leads within CLC | RM RM LO CM ??? ??? | Letter from chair of Governors to be completed at strategically important points. Termly governor focus on Friday newsletter Annual report completed and posted on school website. Governors informed of dates of events at start of academic year. Governors in attendance at year 6 production and school fair. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise annual Governors Day Governors to sign up to weekly email updates Attend key Islington Borough meetings | CM, all All RM, CM | Cards and snacks provided as planned. Reports received from phase and subject leads in CLC. Governors day completed including Governors' attendance at assembly and meeting with staff and children. | |
| Ensure policies and procedures are followed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint link Governors for key areas and priorities Complete visits to the school by link governors Keep a central visits log Send email reminders to governors and school link person for upcoming governors' visits | RM All ZK ZK | Named link Governors identified for each key area and for each SDP priority. Governors visits completed as per visits policy. | |
| Use Governors meetings effectively to hold the school to account | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Governors' Annual Plan yearly to aid agenda-setting Arrange meeting planning meetings with HT prior to each meeting to plan agenda and papers required Notice of meetings to be circulated 2 weeks in advance | RM RM, RR, SF, CM RM, RR, SF Clerk | Up-to-date Annual Plan available Dates for meeting planning meetings set at start of academic year and meetings completed as planned. Organisation of work ensuring that business completed in committee meetings not repeated in F&GP meetings. Notice circulated 2 weeks before all meetings. | Planning meeting for F&GP /notice of meetings completed by SF May 25 |
| Ensure all Governors aware of safeguarding policy and training and use this to scrutinise school safeguarding procedures through meetings and visits | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governors to attend high quality and relevant safeguarding training including two governors to be trained in safer recruiting Keep log of Governors safeguarding training | All TM | All Governors to have attended or completed safeguarding training and prevent training. Monitoring of log | |
| Ensure Governors have skills required to | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates for governors on inspection changes as and when necessary | CM | Update Ofsted crib Sept 2024 | |

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| participate in a school inspection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assemble committee of governors to be available at short notice and arrange preparation for these governors | RM | Appointed Governors completed meeting with Ofsted inspectors when required. | |
| Aim: Oversee the financial performance of the school and ensure that its money is well spent | | | | |
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| Ensure Governors have the skills required to support the head teacher in setting and monitoring the school budget | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Governors' financial skills audit | SF | Financial skills audit completed, analysed and plan produced to fill any gaps identified. | |
| Ensure that money is spent to further the educational objectives of the school and in line with the SDP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan the budget annually Monthly budget monitoring reviews Have and review a three-year budget projection Review and approve school financial procedures | CM, F&GP SF SF, F&GP F&GP | Evidence of budget planning, review of 3-year budget projection and procedure review in F&GP meeting minutes. Monthly budget monitoring visits completed. | Budget monthly monitoring reviews completed by SF; 3 year budget approved by F&GP |