

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Board Meeting Summary - 22 September 2022

The Levens CE School full governing body met for its first meeting of the 2022/2023 academic year on 22 September 2022 in school.

It was confirmed that Suzan Bishop and Jenny Berge will remain as Chair and Vice-Chair of Governors respectively for the coming year. Governors were pleased to hear that Emma Simpson has been re-nominated by the Diocese for a further four year term of office. Governors reviewed the terms of reference for the various committees and agreed membership of these for the coming year. The National Governance Association's updated Code of Conduct was discussed and changes noted.

Mrs Farraday confirmed that the school is likely to have an Ofsted inspection very soon and that a SIAMS inspection is also due. In relation to these governors discussed how best monitoring of the varied aspects of school life might be undertaken and responsibilities for different areas were allocated to individual governors, who will visit school over the coming weeks. Mrs Farraday gave governors a brief presentation regarding the Ofsted inspection and governors and staff will attend a training session on this later in September.

As part of the preparation for inspection governors discussed the latest revision of the School's Self Evaluation Form (SEF). The SEF is updated on an ongoing basis and Mrs Farraday meets with the Chair of Governors and the two chairs of committees each term to consider this.

Staff wellbeing is an important area of focus and governors were pleased to see that staff, whilst feeling very much under workload pressure, felt they were supported extremely well by Mrs Farraday and the whole team at Levens.

Governors accepted the updated Overarching Safeguarding Statement and Child Protection Policy and Procedures and confirmed that they had read the relevant sections of the latest version of Keeping Children Safe in Education. They also approved revisions to various other policies and noted training opportunities available to them over the coming months.

The next full board meeting will be on 8 December 2022.













