The Full Governors Meeting was held in school on Thursday 23rd March 2023.

The Governors were presented with minutes from the Schools’ Financial Value Standards (SFVS) meeting, which was held on the 16th February 2023. This was agreed by those present at the meeting as a true record. Mrs Coker confirmed that the SFVS document had been submitted was submitted to the Local Authority prior to the deadline.

The Governors also accepted the Budget Control Report, which was presented on behalf of the Finance and Property Committee, following their meeting on 4th February 2023. At this point, Governors also discussed a number of points relating to finance including proposed adjustments to the cost of school meals from April 2023 – April 2024, and the photocopier tender, for May 2023 – May 2028. Mrs Farraday also provided the Governors with a provisional update regarding anticipated pupil numbers for the 2023 – 2024 academic year. Later on in the meeting, the Governors also discussed a proposal regarding the implementation of an online payment system, considering various options which had been collated by Mrs Coker.

Mrs Farraday provided Governors with a verbal update regarding the anticipated level of outturn from the 2022 – 2023 budget and arrangements for the setting of the 2023 – 2024 budget alongside the schools Independent Bursar, Mr Mitchell, were discussed. Governors were invited to be present at the Budget Setting meeting on Thursday 11th May 2023 from 1.30pm, if available.

Governors received an update from Mrs Farraday regarding the new build, which included sight of a variety of photographs within the Clerk of Works’ Weekly Report. A verbal update in relation to the Dining Room and School Lease were also given. Later in the meeting, Mrs Mason presented the Maintenance Action Plan for noting.

Mrs Farraday presented a copy of the report following school’s recent OFSTED inspection. Governors were keen to congratulate the staff on the report, which was incredibly positive. Mrs Farraday also shared a very comprehensive Headteacher’s Report, which included information on areas such as attendance, staffing, SEND, Professional Development, data and pupil behaviour. The report also outlined how school had been affected by recent strike action, as well as providing a SIAMS update.

Monitoring reports were received from Bruce Helme (maths), Rev’d Brian Kerr (Christian Ethos) and English (Jenny Berge). Eileen Mason, Link Governor, also shared a report and highlighted a range of training opportunities that are currently available.

Governors accepted a range of updated policies and minutes from sub-committee meetings that had taken place during the term.

The next meeting of the Full Governing Board will be held on 25th May 2023.

Emma Simpson

Foundation Governor