

## **Summary of the Board of Governors Meeting held on 10 July 2025**

Eight governors attended the meeting.

The main points covered were:

- The Clerk advised that she had received confirmation from Westmorland and Furness Council that Jenny Berge be re-appointed for a further four-year term of office. A parent has been proposed and seconded for the Parent Governor Vacancy and the appointment process is now underway. Nominations and secondments have been received for the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of Governors from September 2025 and these posts will be confirmed at the next meeting. Governors are in the process of completing their annual Skills Audit, to be completed by the end of this term.
- An advert is to be placed locally, and with the parent body, for the post of Clerk to the Governors, which will become vacant when Debbie Coker retires in August.
- The Board is looking at ways that donations to the School from both individuals and corporate bodies can be received in the most tax efficient manner.
- Governors were advised that further work will be done in the holidays in relation to the leaking roof. In addition, Westmorland and Furness Council has committed to installing a new roof in the current financial year.
- Confirmation has been received from Westmorland and Furness Council that the School's Budget for 2025/26 has been accepted. Revised budgets for the succeeding two years will be submitted in October, using up to date pupil and staff information.
- The Headteacher reported on the latest training undertaken by staff, following the safeguarding audit undertaken earlier this year. She also advised that the draft version of the Department for Education publication Keeping Children Safe in Education, which will be published in September, contains only minor changes. All staff will undergo further safeguarding training in September.
- The Headteacher gave governors an update on the School's Poverty Proofing strategy, including information on the significant contribution to this from FOLs. She also reported on the attendance figures for this academic year and staff well-being. There is a very good working atmosphere in school.
- The class structure for 2025/26 will be the same as this year with the teachers remaining in the same area of school. At present there will be eight children joining Reception in September.
- Sian Finlay has been appointed as the new School Business Manager. She will take up her post on Wednesday 27 August.
- Arrangements were discussed, and confirmed, for the Headteacher's Performance Management Cycle in 2025/26.
- The next meeting of the Board of Governors was confirmed as Thursday 25 September 2025 at 6.00pm.
- Governors concluded the meeting by thanking Debbie Coker for the superb job she has done over so many years in acting as Clerk to the Governors.