

Archibald First School
Governor Impact Statement – 2022-2023



As a board, this year we have:

- Had four full board meetings
- Had two Governor open mornings, three curriculum, five finance & premises, three leadership support and 4 attendance & welfare committee meetings.
- Participated in training with Jane Edminson based on Ofsted and being prepared as a Governing Body for an Ofsted visit.
- Monitored Art, Mental Health and Wellbeing and Geography.
- Discussed PE, Pupil Premium and Curriculum Development as link governors.
- Held regular meetings between the Head Teacher, Chair and Vice Chair.
- Attended Full Governor safeguarding training.
- Been involved in the appraisal of the Head Teacher
- Considered admissions requests including offset requests
- Reviewed a range of policies

Our strategic aims for this year were:

To hold school leaders and subject leaders to account so that our fully designed curriculum offer is effectively delivered across the whole school as well as being efficiently monitored and reviewed for its impact on children's learning.

To support and challenge the Senior Leadership Team, including the new EYFS leader. To hold school leaders to account.

To strengthen the personal development, mental health & wellbeing for pupils, parents and staff.

To increase our involvement with and visibility within school. To develop and support all governors to be 'critical friends' of the school.

We had the following impact:

- We have increased our presence in school being visible to our children and the staff. This created stronger community links
- The governors have continued to hold the school and its staff to account. Governors have effectively challenged and supported the school. Monitoring of curriculum areas has continued and our link governors have had professional discussions with subject leaders.
- For the curriculum, the governors have continued to question and challenge school leaders at all levels to ensure the curriculum at Archibald is cohesive, purposeful and meets the needs of our children.
- The governors have carefully monitored the school's financial position. We have focused on ensuring the staff team and school provision fully meet and cater for all of our children's needs so that every child at Archibald has the best possible education and opportunities whilst at Archibald. A strong focus of this has been the use of funds to support our children with additional needs.
- We have also approved finances to fund the Little Wandle programme and reading book collection.
- We have supported the Headteacher and SEND Leader in their pursuit for adequate changing facilities for those with additional needs. This resulted in new toilets for the boys and a new Changing Place in school.
- We continue to support the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher in their pursuit of additional security for the school site.
- We have approved £20, 000 to go towards investment in the outdoor area for Early Years.
- The personal support for children, parents and staff has been monitored by governors and we acknowledged the work that the school staff have put into this across 2022-23. We continue to focus on the wellbeing of the staff including the Headteacher.