



GOVERNING BOARD OF INKPEN SCHOOL

Summary of the 2016/2017 Year

Maintaining a full governing board continues to challenge us at the school (this is also a national issue.) We have had two resignations but have appointed 2 new governors and are now looking to fill the board with two other governors. We still continue to prioritise someone with links to the local community and business.

After waiting nearly five years we had an Ofsted inspection in July 2017 with our result staying as good with areas of outstanding. There are two main areas that have been highlighted that will help us to achieve outstanding, and as a governing board we were delighted with some of the comments of the inspector.

The new curriculum is now embedded throughout the school and we continue to evolve the way in which we monitor and hold the senior leadership team to account on each child's progress. There has been a change in the way the school has been implementing intervention for those children that need to close the gap. It is early days but the results so far are promising. This will continue to be monitored.

The school budget has been carefully managed and scrutinised this year due to uncertainties in funding going forward. We are very happy with the position that we find ourselves in but are constantly looking forward and making plans for future years. The number of children on roll has been maintained.

We have started to look at options around joining a MAT and this will be a major decision that needs to be made in the coming 18 months. We have been speaking to 4 other parties regarding this area.

In all for a very small Governing Board we are extremely happy with the progress Inkpen Primary School has made over the last year and our involvement in this. The governors are happy that the school is fulfilling its vision of being a caring, family-centred school, where individuality is celebrated and each child is encouraged to be their best, and strives to reach the outstanding grade.