



GOVERNING BOARD OF INKPEN SCHOOL

Summary of the 2015/2016 year

There have been 2 new appointments made this year (Russell Jefferies and Mark Taylor) and 2 resignations (Prof Tony Atkins and Rev Rachel Lewis.) We are therefore actively recruiting again to the Board and have conducted a new skills audit which has highlighted weaknesses in the following 3 areas: Experience of being a board member and chairing meetings either in another sector or as a governor of another school; Experience of financial management; Links with local businesses and the community.

We are also aware that we are now lacking in non-parent governors as all governors are either parents or staff members. It will be a priority for the new academic year to recruit 2 if not 3 new members to the board as with so few it leads to a high work load for the remaining governors.

The Board has changed the way in which school visits have been carried out this year and have scheduled these in more formally to link with the school's development plan. This has seen the governors gain a greater understanding of subjects such as; marking and feedback, via book looks. How maths is taught within the school. A greater understanding of how the Pupil Premium budget is allocated.

The Governing board has tried to increase its visibility and voice within the school to parents via regular communication. The appointment of our 2 new governors was as a direct result of one of the letters sent to out.

The school's main focus this year has been the delivery of the new curriculum and governors have spent a lot of time in meetings discussing the measures teaching staff have implemented to ensure pupils are making progress. KS2 results continue to improve with most children making expected and in a lot of cases more than expected progress.

Numbers on roll have increased from 70 to 81. This is a key indicator of the school's continued success and popularity with which we are delighted. We are now in a position that we have a waiting list for certain year groups. We aim to keep increasing numbers by word of mouth and continued good results.

In summary 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.