



GOVERNING BOARD OF INKPEN SCHOOL

Summary of the 2017/2018 Year

We have appointed 3 new governors since September 2017 and said thank you and goodbye our outgoing chair and appointed a new chair from the existing governing body. We still have two vacancies for a parent governor and a local authority governor. We have tried to improve governor visibility to parents and children this year with a specific governor email address and a photo board which is up in the school reception area to make it easier to contact and recognise the governors.

The Ofsted report from the inspection in June 2017 has been carefully scrutinised and changes such as the new school fence have been put in place to ensure that the school provides a safe environment for the children. We continue to strive to improve the school in all areas and constantly refer back to the school development plan to check that standards are maintained and, where possible, exceeded.

As in the past few years, funding continues to be an issue for the school but we scrutinise our budgets very carefully and are confident that Inkpen Primary School will continue to be run efficiently while providing a productive and fun learning environment for the children.

As with all schools, Inkpen Primary School has a large number of policies in place to ensure that procedures are followed. The governors constantly review and where possible consolidate and simplify these policies to ensure that they continue to be relevant and work for the school and the staff.

We have continued to review the options around joining a Multi Academy Trust but the government appears to have moved away from pushing schools to do this in the short term so we are monitoring the situation and collecting information for when we need it.

As a governing body we are absolutely committed to supporting our staff and ensuring our children have a broad and rounded education despite the increasing pressure and constantly changing demands on schools from the Government. We continue to be 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.