

BLUE SKIES FEDERATION

GOVERNOR STATEMENT 2023-24

As the Governing Body of Blue Skies Federation, we are proud of the achievements in our schools this year, particularly the hard work of the teaching staff and students, making our schools welcoming and enjoyable places to learn. Our schools have continued to provide for all our children, the very best education that we were able to deliver.

The Governing Body of Blue Skies Federation works with the Executive head teacher, heads of school and all staff to promote and maintain high standards of educational achievement. The core functions of the Governing Body are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;

- Holding the EHT to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and

- the performance of staff;

- Overseeing the financial performance of the school, making sure its funding is well spent.

OUR WORK DURING 2022-23

The Governing Body have supported the schools through staffing changes in all schools. These successful processes have strengthened our teaching and support staff across the Federation.

The Governing Body continue to support the leadership team in monitoring the School Development Plans (SDP).

We have supported the leadership to show impact in the key priorities of improving pupil outcomes, attendance and supporting teaching and learning.

Governors regularly visit the school and meet with pupils and staff and attend school events. Governor meetings take place throughout our schools and are well attended.

With regards to learning

The curriculums are providing greater challenge to pupils;

Teachers have worked to share ideas and skills across our Federation;

Lessons are well prepared, and marking has been reviewed to ensure pupil understanding and motivation is maximised;

Teachers have been given the opportunities of relevant CPD.

POLICIES

Policies are regularly reviewed, and new policies introduced where appropriate. These can be found on our school website.

SAFETY & BEHAVIOUR

Safeguarding is vital to our school and the staff and governors ensure all procedures are up to date and monitored. Pupil understanding of bullying and E-Safety are regularly updated including who to contact in case of any issue.

FINANCE

The governors have worked alongside the Senior Leaders to ensure money is well spent, especially in the context of falling revenue from Central Government.

MAIN PRIORITIES FOR 2023-24

Ensure all gaps in learning in phonics skills are closed;

Ensure the reading process supports and enhances the children's writing;

Children's writing stamina is improved;

Children's fluency in maths is prioritised to raise standards to at least national average, by embedding the NCETM approach in conjunction with the National Curriculum;

Increase the proportion of pupils who achieve GD in reading, writing and maths;

Improve oracy and communication;

Develop and implement an assessment strategy for the Foundation Subjects;

To continue to embed the wider curriculum and the children's opportunities for experiential learning;

To continue to ensure attendance is above national average;

To ensure good value for money.

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Chair of Governors

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