

GOVERNOR IMPACT STATEMENT 2019-20

The Governing Body has responsibility for the governance of our school. We are responsible for setting the overall objectives and ethos of the school, and ensuring that the school is properly managed in a manner which strives to achieve those objectives in conformity with our ethos. The Governors support the Headteacher in her management of the school and in establishing and maintaining high standards of learning and behaviour within the school. We appreciate too the work of all of our staff who regularly go the extra mile to support our students and their family.

Governors monitor and evaluate a wide range of matters covering the whole of school life. These include the financial management of the school; the delivery of the curriculum taught in the school; the progress and attainment of pupils in key subjects measured against city and national standards; compliance with all health and safety standards; and the provision of safeguarding and behavioural support in school. The Governors are responsible with the Headteacher for setting a wide range of policies applied to all areas of school life and for reviewing those policies on a regular basis to ensure that they comply with current best practice and experience.

In terms of membership the governing body has seen little change this year and this has allowed us to further establish strong working processes. We have increased our commitment to training, including online and face to face and have made more visits to school.

2020 has been a difficult year for many parents, students, staff and we as governors. Our meetings planned for the year were thrown into chaos with the lockdown and we lost 3 full governors' meetings and a governors' day. From March to the academic year end our work was remotely delivered and we would hope that whilst we maintained challenge about school's processes in lockdown we also offered support and our thanks and encouragement to our team of staff who were simply amazing throughout. Brook Green remained open and delivered a good education in school whilst supporting our students working from home.

We recognised the efforts of all staff by writing to each personally. Many risked their own safety and that of family at home to continue working to support the students.

The Governors hope that in producing this Impact Statement we have helpfully informed parents and others in the school community, or who take an interest in the school, of the work we have undertaken and of the resulting benefits to the school. If anyone has questions arising from this report please feel free to contact us via our clerk to governors