Sheriffhales Primary School

Annual Governor's report to parents and carers.

July 2023

This has been an exceptional year for Sheriffhales Primary School. During the Autumn Term of 2022, we welcomed Justine Keeling-Paglia to the position of Acting Headteacher. I was invited to return to school as chair of governors, after a six year absence. What an honour to be asked to take the chair, and I have enjoyed it enormously.

The role of the Governing Board has been to work strategically with Mrs Keeling-Paglia to develop and implement a clear action plan, to maintain a healthy school budget, to keep children safe and happy, and to ensure we deliver the best education for our wonderful children.

There has been much to do, and the Governing Board have worked with commitment and enthusiasm to help deliver a stronger, more focused and effective school. Working alongside Justine has been a privilege. Mrs Keeling-Paglia has amazing drive and energy and has transformed much of the school's organisation and performance. We are so lucky to have her as Acting Headteacher.

In March 2023, the OFSTED inspection note:

- '*Pupils love coming to school and enjoy their learning.'*
- *There have been rapid improvements since the acting headteacher took up her post in the autumn term, which parents and carers much appreciate.*

Although the overall OFSTED judgement was 'Requires Improvement', the governors are confident that school is rapidly improving, and we continue to progress to an overall judgement of 'good'. Our latest data, generated by the national tests, shows a huge and exciting improvement. Well done to our fantastic children!

Governors have been focused on strengthening school community, and have spent time in school, in lessons, on school visits, on the playground and at school events, listening to parents and children.

Of course, success could not be possible if it weren't for the whole school community… leadership team, teachers, teaching assistants, business and administrators, site manager and cleaners….. and in a small school, everyone plays a huge role. However, the governors would like to highlight the dedication and hard work of the teachers, who have gone above and beyond to ensure the best possible classroom experience for our children.

Next year is promising to be full of excitement and opportunity, as our school grows. The governors are looking forward to supporting our Acting Headteacher in her continuing role and securing the success of the school.

Sally Lill

Chair of Governors.