

Tranmere Park Primary School

Pupil Support Sub Committee Annual Report 2022/2023

Membership

The Governors on the Pupil Support Sub Committee during the 2022/2023 academic year were:- Kirsten Finley (Co-Headteacher), Alison Hodgson (Co-Headteacher), Simon Armstrong (Foundation Governor), Robert Fordyce (Parent Governor) and Helen Perry (Vice Chair of Governors and co-opted representative).

The Chair of the Sub Committee is Helen Perry.

Remit

The Pupil Support Sub Committee has the following areas of responsibility:- behaviour, safeguarding, attendance, children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, child, parent and staff voice, review of extra-curricular activities and school trips. The Sub Committee is also responsible for equality and diversity and personnel matters.

Items to report

School was inspected by Ofsted in October 2022. Jacky Cooper and Helen Perry were very happy to attend school on the date of the inspection and be interviewed by the lead Inspector (Tim Jenner). The Ofsted report contained lots of very positive feedback about the School. Particularly pleasing comments for this Sub Committee are the fact that the School was described as being "warm and inclusive" and a place where "every child is cared for and supported to do their best." Behaviour and attitudes were rated as "Outstanding". Pupils were said to behave "exceptionally well" and bullying was found to be "very rare and always dealt with if it occurs". Governors were described as "highly skilled and effective". Safeguarding was rated as "effective." Over 90 parents responded to the Ofsted parental survey and gave supportive and very complimentary feedback about the school.

The Committee has continued to have a focus on the wellbeing of both pupils and staff this academic year.

Staff wellbeing and workloads have been checked on throughout the year with a staff survey being conducted and acted upon. The Sub Committee heard how teacher workload is increasing significantly in certain classes with neuro diverse children who require individualised timetables to support their learning. The level of staffing in these classes will be kept under review. The Sub Committee was pleased to learn that for the 2023/2023 academic year it is intended that every class will have a member of support staff in addition to a teacher available throughout the week. All staff are offered a "Well being day" each academic year

Rob Fordyce carried out a Pupil Voice exercise with different groups of children across the school. He was impressed that children as young as year groups 1 and 2 understand what bullying is and that older children are very clear about keeping safe at school.

The Committee was pleased to hear that residential trips have taken place this year across all Key Stage 2 classes. Year 3 pupils have been to Malham, Year 4 pupils to Ingleborough, Year 5 pupils to Lockerbie and Year 6 have been to France. The Committee recognises how important these opportunities are for our pupils. However, the Committee also appreciates that the cost of these residential trips must be kept under review, given the cost of living crisis and the fact that some families may have multiple children within the school who have a residential in any given year. Parents have been consulted about whether or not they are happy about the number of residentials on offer and the cost.

Governors are also mindful of the fact that residentials are only possible, if staff are willing to volunteer to go on them and supervise the children. Governors appreciate that this involves the staff being prepared to give up their personal/family time and in the context of monitoring staff's wellbeing and work life balance, the Committee is keen to ensure teaching staff's views are also taken on the number and duration of residentials offered in school.

THRIVE continues to be used as a supportive intervention within school and is seeing positive results.

Governors were very pleased to learn that the School has been awarded the "Your School Games Mark" Gold Award again this year in recognition of the School's physical education, school sport and physical activity offer. Over 79% of Key Stage 2 children have participated in some form of extra curricular sporting event this year.