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A message from the Park Grove Academy Governors

Park Grove has an active governing body, which works closely with the Headteacher and Deputy Heads to help make sure the school is being run as effectively as possible. We help decide the strategy and priorities to focus on, review how the curriculum is being delivered, how money is spent and how well the children are progressing. The Governing Body meets formally six times during the school year and the minutes are published on the school website - but they are fairly lengthy and they aren't published on the website until a couple of months after the meetings - so we thought it might be useful to share some more immediate headlines about what we've been discussing through ParentHub.

If any parents would like to talk to any member of the Governing Body, please feel free to contact the school office who can then contact the relevant Governor.

We met on October 15th and the main things we covered were:

- Deciding how Governors will monitor the school action plans, how the results of such monitoring will be reported and actioned and what should happen if priorities change and/or a particular plan cannot be delivered
- A detailed discussion about the results of the recent Ofsted visit, which was hugely positive. Some of the highlights of the feedback from the Inspector include:
 - * Excellent behaviour across the school, both in classrooms and out in the playground. The children were described as confident in talking about their work, as well as kind and respectful in how they treated each other.
 - * A strong focus on wellbeing at school, especially during Covid and in the adjustment period coming back to school.
 - * Excellent teaching of phonics, and a clear love for reading across the school.
 - * Lots of evidence of creativity within the curriculum.
 - * Fantastic teaching by teachers who are passionate about their roles and their specialist subject areas.

Congratulations to all of the teachers and the leadership team on such brilliant feedback.

- Reviewing how the new school year is going.





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The school is now running as it was pre-Covid, except for parents coming into the school for early bird activities. The children's behaviour and engagement with their lessons is going really well.

- Talking through the targets which are being set for the end of the year, to measure the children's progress. The Governors look in detail at these targets to ensure they are challenging but also realistic.

Our next full Governing Body meeting is on November 30th and we will share a summary of this meeting very soon. We delayed sending out the summary for our October meeting until after the Ofsted report was published.

Kind regards,

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