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Acorns Governing Body News

Governing Body Committee meetings were held in January this term. At the Curriculum and Standards Meeting governors enjoyed presentations from two members of Acorns Teaching Staff. One of these was on the Move Programme and the other on developments that have taken place in improving communication methods for pupils. Both gave governors further insight into the schemes which are used within school to ensure that pupils develop, progress and achieve to the very best of their ability.

At the Full Governing Body meeting in March governors received a report on the budget which had been scrutinised by the Resources Committee. Our financial situation is, thankfully, reasonably healthy.

In addition, Paula Barlow provided us with a detailed update on progress with the school improvement plan. Link governors have held meetings with staff who lead aspects of this during the term.

Governors were updated on the Government plans following the Green Paper on SEND which was published last year and to which they submitted a response. Governors welcomed the fact that many positive changes are planned but concerned that implementation is unlikely until 2025.

Sadly, two governors have decided to resign from the Governing Body. Martin Horton and Rukhsana Ahmed. We are very grateful to them for the support they have given to the school. In particular Rukhsana's involvement goes back over 20 years as she was our school Dr and on her retirement became a governor. She has been a wonderful advocate for the school and we shall miss her!

At this meeting, Governors agreed to hold a "Governor Visits" day in the summer term followed by a review of our effectiveness in a twilight session.