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Acorns Governing Body News

On September 13th the Governing Body held a training session. This is something that we do at the start of each year. We receive an update from Paula Barlow and other senior staff about building work and staffing changes since the end of the summer term and establish our plans and priorities for the new academic year.

We spent time in this session reminding ourselves of the priorities of the School Improvement Plan and allocated a member of the Governing Body to each of these. This will mean that they can be in contact with the member of staff responsible for each aspect and will update the GB on progress.

In addition, we agreed on areas of responsibility for each member of the GB – several of us are linked to classes and others to key areas like Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Finance.

We spent some time looking at OFSTED matters. It is very likely that we will be subject to an inspection this year – we need to be prepared! AS Chair of Governors I am confident that, as a governing body, we will be able to represent Acorns well and demonstrate both our commitment to and knowledge of the school very well.

Additionally, on the evening we had the smashing task of presenting one of our governors with a LASGB (Lancashire Association of School Governing Bodies) Award for his contribution to governance at Acorns. Sean Carlisle was first elected as a parent Governor and remained on the GB for 11 years chairing our Resources Committee for many of those. We miss him; his award is well deserved!

