



Denmead Infant School

“Happy together, growing together, aiming high, every day is a learning adventure!”

Governor Annual Report 2024-2025

A new era for the School started in September 2024 as we welcomed a new Head Teacher and our intake reduction plan moved forward. Owing to the decrease in children of primary school age, this was our first year of having two classes in Year R. Necessary changes were happening but in a positive way for the school.

The children settled into key stage one classes, and the Year R children started school in a slightly staggered start. As the children began their learning adventures the Governors and Senior Leadership Team had to prepare the next phase of the school restructuring.

The Governors are responsible for the financial oversight of the school and therefore with eventually becoming a 6 class school we needed to look at the staffing structure in order to stay financially viable. School budgeting is based on money received per pupil not number of classes so it was clear that staff restructuring was needed. A re-structuring proposal was produced and approved by Governors which unfortunately equated to the loss of 4 members of staff. We were very sorry to lose some long-standing staff in July and we wish them all well for their future. We also have some staff that are attached to some pupils and if the pupils move on then they often move with the children which is lovely.

The Governors are equally responsible for ensuring the policies are up to date so every year we review some policies on a rolling schedule. Whilst all policies are important some are reviewed on an annual basis and governors always have a lot of reading to do to ensure they uphold the ethos of the school.

Every Governor has been into school regularly to monitor subjects or aspects of school life such as Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Inclusion and our Finance Team meets regularly with the Finance Officer to oversee the budget.



We also get to help out on trips, and events such as sports day, school fete etc. These, help make our role so enjoyable as we see the children in the school learning and thriving and loving school life.

Throughout the year we have seen DIS children enjoying their learning and growing in confidence as they progress through the school. They are brave warriors as they question who we are if we forget to put on a lanyard and rightly so. They learn to keep their school environment a safe place for everyone.

Over the summer the corridors in the school have been repainted by staff, friends and families and we are grateful to them and the Waterloooville Mens Shed for the changes both inside and outside the school. Take time to look and see what has been achieved to enhance the environment for the children in the schools' care.

Thanks go to all the staff for their hard work over the year and to the new Senior Leadership Team for their steady guiding hand.

Finally I want to thank all the Governors for their time they give to the school. It is a voluntary role but they all give their time freely and support the school as well as a lot of online training to enhance their roles.

We will also be looking out for a new parent Governor this term so if you feel you can contribute to and support the school watch out for the letter from the school.

Kathy M Davis Chair of Governors

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