



## Annual Governors' Report – January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we get into 2024 at The Mary Bassett Lower School, we wanted to put together a statement looking over the last year and the progress the school has made.

The Governing Body is currently made up of 9 people, with 5 members from the local community, 2 parents, a staff governor and the Headteacher. We are still looking for 2 more community governors - if you know anyone who might be suitable for a governor role, we'd love to hear from you. We meet six times a year as a full group, with other meetings and visits to school as needed. In the past year we've conducted meetings on all areas of the curriculum, safeguarding checks and also met with OFSTED during our recent inspection.

This year we have continued to support Ms Wheeldon in both settling into the school and making progress in looking at the curriculum, books and resources to ensure our children get the best education. We are really pleased to see evidence of much positive progress and we hope you are noticing this too.

In Nursery the school has achieved its Curiosity Approach accreditation and we congratulate the team on its hard work. The curiosity approach is a new way to engage and inspire our younger learners, using everyday objects you might not expect - it's not unusual to see the children drinking from a full china tea service!

The school now has its new Library, a wonderful resource funded by our amazing PTFA to foster a lifetime of reading in our children. The children absolutely love the new books, beautiful displays, and are enjoying the opportunities this is bringing to extend their reading.

Looking forward, the governors are working on our next strategic plan and will work alongside all parents, carers, staff and members of the community in setting our goals for the next five years. Learning will be at our core, and we will continue to work hard to get the best results for all of our children. At the end of last year we worked to create the vision for the School over the next 5 years, which I am pleased to set out below.

At The Mary Bassett Lower School, our ambition is for every child to reach their full potential. We nurture our children to achieve positive emotional, mental and physical wellbeing in themselves and others.

We will achieve this by:

- Supporting our children to succeed as happy, confident and responsible members of the community
- Setting high expectations for and helping our children to achieve successful educational outcomes across the curriculum
- Providing proactive support for all our families to be informed and confident participants in the education of their children
- Establishing a strong foundation for lifelong learning in a safe, stimulating and inclusive environment

We were pleased with our recent OFSTED Inspection and agreed with what the inspectors had to say about our school and the path we are on. They gave us some great advice which we look forward to putting into place to make our children's education even better.

2023 was another great year and we look forward to making 2024 something to remember.