



Earlham Primary School Annual Report from Governors (2014/15)



November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

As the Governing Body for Earlham Primary School, we believe it is important to report to you on how we support the school on a regular basis. As such, we are committing to publishing an Annual Report (set out below for the past school year – 2014/15). The purpose of the Annual Report is to provide an overview of the key activities undertaken by the Governing Body to support the school over the past year and to provide an overview of our key priorities for supporting the school over the coming school year.

Key activities undertaken by the Governing Body to support the school during the last school year (2014/15)

- We worked with the school's leadership team to set, monitor and review achievement targets, including stretch targets, for all year groups. Setting, monitoring and reviewing achievement targets helped the school to achieve outstanding results last year.
- We worked with the school's leadership team to set, monitor and review the school's budget and spending to ensure value for money.
- We provided on-going support to the school as we worked through the final stages of the school extension and expansion project. Governors worked closely with the Headteacher to ensure that the project was delivered to provide the best possible outcomes for pupils, with minimum disruption to pupil learning. We also worked with the Headteacher to ensure that the project provided value for money to the school.
- As a Governing Body that is committed to learning from best practice to support the school, last summer we submitted an application for the GLM Quality Mark for School Governance – a kite mark which provides external evaluation of the quality of governance in a school. Our application was successful. This independent review by experts of helped us to identify where we work well and to identify areas for further development.
- In response to government requirements, we reconstituted the Governing Body to reflect the skills required to support the school. The Governing Body now comprises: Julian Robinson (Chair), Joe Bailey, Laura Hewer, Alhaj Khan, Christopher Owens, Allison Ross-John and Adam Shaikh.

Key activities the Governing Body plan to undertake to support the school over the coming school year (2015/16)

- We plan to engage more regularly with Parents and Carers, with governors regularly attending parents' evenings.
- We are working with other local schools to consider how we can work together to support each other and share best practice across schools.
- We will continue to work with the school's leadership team to set, monitor and review achievement targets, including stretch targets, for all year groups.
- We will continue to work with the school's leadership team to set, monitor and review the school's budget and spending to ensure value for money.

If you would like to learn more about how the Governing Body supports the school, a nominated Governor will attend parents evenings on the 2nd and 3rd of December. Alternatively, please contact the school reception for contact details for our Chair of Governors, Julian Robinson.

The Governing Body of Earlham Primary School