



Belper Long Row Primary & Nursery School

Governor Bulletin - March 2025



We had a very productive and informative March meeting of the Governing Board and welcomed two new school governors. Mrs North has joined us as staff governor and Mrs Wilson has been coopted as a community governor.

We celebrated Mrs Lymer who has been recognised by DCC and rewarded for her 25 years service to education in Derbyshire. Mrs White was thanked for her hard work in the Spring term.

At the meeting, we:

- Reviewed updated policies for school dinner money, medical needs and lettings.
- Discussed that we wanted to thank you for paying dinner money in advance, in line with policy.
- Discussed the school budget and the impact of increasing costs. We have switched utilities companies; this will bring cost savings to the budget.
- Received an extensive property report.
- Reviewed the intimate care policy. To ensure that there is wide awareness of this, a copy will now be provided to the parents/carers of all new starters in Nursery and Reception and any pupils joining us in Year 1/2
- Discussed a comprehensive safeguarding report.
- Discussed academisation and that DFE is likely to revisit our application in the near future.
- Reviewed and agreed updated policies to ensure good school attendance, the school equality statement, equality policy and accessibility plan. These will ensure inclusion for all pupils and staff.
- Reviewed and agreed the SEND policy , which provides a graduated response to support pupils with SEND.
- Discussed a succinct and informative Headteacher report; including detailed information about school improvement.

Governors have been very active in school during the spring term including:

- Regular headteacher meetings for school updates.
- An audit of the behaviour policy and procedures in school. Staff have high expectations for pupil behaviour at Long Row and encourage all children to follow school rules being ready, safe and respectful, so that teachers can teach, and all children can learn.
- An audit of provision and understanding of the graduated response, supporting pupils with SEND. We were pleased to see the policy in action and that pupils with SEND are supported well.

Please visit the 'Our school' navigation tab on the website to view the governor area. There you will be able to know who the school governors are and find out more information.

The annual governance report for 2025-26 shows more detail of governance this school year.

Andy Fairhurst (Chair) on behalf of the Governing Body