



## WELLING SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY – Chair of Governors - impact statement

2014-15 has been a busy and successful year for the Welling governors.

Needless to say, the highlight of the year was the very positive outcome of the school's Ofsted inspection in February 2015. We are delighted that the school has now achieved the judgement of '**Good**'. The Ofsted Framework for evaluating schools is tough and rigorous, with expectations increasingly more stringent, so this was indeed a great achievement, and was down to the hard work, determination and commitment of our Headteacher and the staff. Governors have been pleased to be able to support the senior leadership of the school in their wish to subject the school's work to regular internal and external scrutiny to help them know how to move forward. The School Review in November 2014, undertaken by external consultants, is a key example of this and governors learned much from being part of that review.

The Governing Body has managed its business through full governing body and committee meetings. Our committees are structured to reflect the Ofsted Framework, namely *Achievement and Teaching, Behaviour and Safety* and *Finance and Facilities*. Through these termly meetings, we ensure that we cover the most important aspects of the school's work, for which we, as part of the school leadership team, are accountable. Much of our work at meetings involves receiving full and detailed reports from the senior leadership of the school, which tell us about progress with school improvement. Through these reports and by our challenging questioning we have been able to monitor closely the progress all our students are making, the quality of the teaching they receive, their standards of behaviour, their attendance and their well-being. Our *Finance and Facilities* Committee continues to monitor the school budget closely, seeking to ensure that funds are spent to best effect for our students' education. The job of this Committee is likely to become even more crucial over the next few years, as we anticipate increased pressure on school budgets.

We have approved key revisions to some policies, including those for a *smoke free school, admissions, health and safety, safeguarding and child protection, attendance, school uniform, disciplinary procedure, equality, and behaviour*.

Partnership 6<sup>th</sup> remains a valuable and strong partnership, ensuring that we can, as far as possible, secure appropriate courses for our 6th Form students. The schools may look to strengthen the links further.

We have supplemented our formal, strategic meetings, with regular visits to see the school at work. In this way, we have been able to:

- ✿ see our policies being implemented;
- ✿ evaluate progress with school improvement;
- ✿ meet with teachers and students;
- ✿ understand and appreciate the day to day life of the school.

We are now looking forward to supporting and challenging the school in its continued journey towards becoming Outstanding.

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