

Grange Junior School

Governors' Report to Parents 2024–25

Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

Welcome to the end of school year letter from the governors. It has been a very busy year, as ever, at Grange, with lots of education being delivered and learning taking place across a whole range of subjects and many activities.

OFSTED

The highlight has to be the outcome from the OFSTED inspection in April. The school received the following:

Quality of education: **Good**; Behaviour and attitudes: **Outstanding**; Personal development: **Outstanding**; and Leadership and management: **Good** (full report on the school website).

This shows what an excellent all-round education the pupils at Grange are receiving.

The governors wish to thank Ms Burgess, her senior leadership team, every member of staff and volunteers for their dedication to making the results possible. Grange is so fortunate to have such a great team, but it would not be possible without the vision and leadership of the Head.

Many congratulations to all the children too, who took the inspection in their stride and impressed inspectors.

Key Stage 2 SATs

Year 6 undertook the Key Stage 2 SATs in May and they should be very proud of their results. Well done to you all and their teaching team. The governors wish all the Year 6 pupils the very best in their new schools and the future.

Governor Changes

We would like to let you know that our long-term Financial Governor, Les Taylor, is stepping down as a governor. We would like to thank him hugely for his 12 years' service on the Board of Governors. I am sure, like us, you wish him well in his future adventures.

We are fortunate in having a new Financial Governor starting from next term. Matt Tichbon, your Parent Governor representative, is stepping into the role. Thank you to him for taking on this role and that of Vice Chair too.

We are looking for new Parent representatives to join us. If you are not sure about what you would have to do and want to speak to someone about the role, please give your name to Mrs Gomes at the school office. One of the governors will contact you. We look forward to hearing from you.

Parents Evenings

We enjoyed meeting with so many of you at the December and July Parents Evenings. Thank you very much for filling in our questionnaire again this term. The results will be published next term, and I will ensure a copy is emailed to you.

We really value your feedback as it helps us to know what your issues are. The feedback is shared at the governing body meetings and the school let us know how the issues are being addressed.

New Catering Contract

The school have appointed a new catering supplier who will take over from Hampshire in September and fortunately our current staff will be staying with us. The governors enjoyed selecting the company and sampling all the competitors' dishes too! We hope you will be able to enjoy some samples next term, so you know what is on offer for your children, if they have school meals.

We hope we will be able to meet with you more in the coming year and wish you all a good summer break.

Best wishes

Anne Lyster

Chair of Governors

Information about the Governing Board from September 2025

Name	Type of governor	Link roles
Jane Armstrong	Co-opted	Safeguarding Lead & Numeracy
Simona Bergorova-U'Dell	Staff	
Freddie Bernard	Parent	PTA, Community
Kathryn Bettison	Co-opted	PE
Paola Burgess	Staff	Headteacher
Anne Lyster	Co-opted	Chair of Governors Safeguarding deputy Literacy Lead & LAC
Barbara Pretty	Co-opted	Health and Safety
Barbara Simpson	Co-opted	SEN/D
Matt Tichbon	Parent	Vice Chair of Governors Finance, Pupil Premium, PE and Sports Premium
Teresa Willcocks	Co-opted	Training governor
Lyn Williams	Staff	Deputy Head and DSL

In addition, each governor is allocated one or two of the twelve curriculum subjects. A list will be published next term.

What are Governors Planning to do from September 2025?

The Senior Leadership Team have a School Improvement Plan and governors work as a 'critical friend' to monitor progress with their plan.

Our key responsibilities are to:

- ensure the school fulfils its statutory duties – checking that school policies are current, and all legal requirements are fulfilled especially in relation to safeguarding, and health and safety;
- ensure the curriculum is enriching, broad and balanced, and sets the highest standards for all pupils;
- help shape the vision and strategic direction of the school – we are planning on meeting regularly with senior leadership team, staff and parents to hear their thoughts and ideas;
- challenge and support the leadership team by being informed – through our observations from monitoring visits and by reports and presentations from staff and external agencies, and asking questions to ensure the impact of the aims is as expected or understand the reasons why not and what will be done to address it, and
- have oversight of the school's finances and ensure Pupil Premium, and PE and Sports Premium is focused on pupil needs.