



## **Annual Statement of Oakthorpe Primary School Governing Body**

The governors of Oakthorpe are very proud to be part of the Oakthorpe family. At Oakthorpe, we strive to be a centre of excellence, fostering a strong sense of family and community harmony. The governing body are invested in the quality or provision for our pupils. Children are prepared to become confident, respectful, creative, and responsible citizens. The school is a positive and inclusive environment that celebrates each child's success. With high standards, innovative approaches, and a commitment to excellence, we provide every child with the opportunity to enjoy learning and thrive. We have strong and trusting relationships with the staff and the wider community. The governors are passionate about the well-being of the pupils and community.

### **Governing bodies' core functions**

We are the strategic leaders of our school and have a vital role to play in making sure every child gets the best possible education. As a maintained school this is reflected in the law, which states that the purpose of maintained school governing bodies is to 'conduct the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement at the school'

The Governing Body strive to ensure robust focus on the three Governance core strategic functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
2. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school
3. Overseeing the financial performance and making sure its money is well spent.

### **Governors' priorities for 2023-2024**

The Governors' over-riding priority for 2023 - 2024 was to continue to support the school's leadership team to build on the improvements from the School Improvement Plan. In addition, the GB recognised and responded to the fact that the school was managing the challenges of reducing numbers of pupils within the local authority thus impacting on the school roll and budget.

### **The Governing Body worked with the school to:**

1. prepare as part of the leadership of the school for the next OFSTED inspection
2. show due diligence and strategic planning to ensure a robust budget
3. keep the School Improvement Plan under close review
4. take an active role in supporting the well-being of the school community
5. Support the leadership team implement the Additional Resource Base

The priorities were monitored through the Full Governing Body meetings together with two sub-committees; Resources (Finance & Premises) and Curriculum (Quality of Education), governor school visits and governor training. The Governing Body continued to benefit from advice and support from Haringey Education Partnership and the school's Local Authority adviser

### **Governors' main priorities for 2024-2025**

1. To develop and implement an assessment strategy for non-core subjects with a focus on improving pupil outcomes in all curriculum areas
2. To reduce the number of pupils who with attendance between 85-95%
3. To ensure financial sustainability