



SUFFOLKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Governing Body - Statement for 2022/23

2022/23 presented some specific challenges for Suffolks including financial constraints, arrangements during the Head Teacher's absence, turnover of governors, responding to industrial action, and the knowledge that an Ofsted inspection was likely during the year. In all areas we worked with the Senior Leadership Team and colleagues throughout the school to monitor progress and to take any action that was necessary.

Ofsted visited in July 2023 in the last week of term, which presented its own challenges, and judged Suffolks to be a Good school. This outcome is a credit to everyone associated with the school. The staff as always worked hard throughout the year, and pupils, parents and carers and governors all played their part.

1. RAP – we monitored progress against the school's Rapid Action Plan, including pupil achievements.
2. Budget – we monitored spending throughout the year and made adjustments to balance the pupils' needs with the available funds.
3. Safeguarding – we monitored safeguarding procedures and practice to ensure that children at Suffolks are safe and happy in school.
4. Resilience – we supported SLT and all staff to maintain their resilience and wellbeing.
5. School engagement – we undertook learning walks on Reading and Writing and individual governor visited school to ensure that all governors are familiar with the school and its work.
6. Governor effectiveness – we reviewed committee structures and timings to align better with key dates for budget and pupil progress data. Governors undertook relevant training during the year to improve their knowledge and effectiveness.
7. In collaboration with SLT we built up a set of key resources in preparation for the Ofsted visit to ensure that all governors had access to relevant and up to date information about the school.
8. New governors with relevant expertise were recruited to strengthen the team.

These responsibilities are a continuing process and will be the subject of further work in 2023/24, along with the new challenges that we cannot currently predict.

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