

Shenstone Lodge School

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As I did last year, I thought that it would be helpful if I updated you on the work of the governors over the last year, and on what the priorities are for the coming year. During the last year the governing body have continued to provide support to the Executive Head Teacher in the final stages of restructuring the school to better deliver pupil outcomes within the funding available. That restructuring is now complete and the benefits are starting to materialise. There is now hard evidence that governance, attendance and pupil performance have all improved.

The governing body will continue to work with the Executive Head Teacher, the School Improvement Advisor and the Heads of School to make further improvements during this current year. There will also be further work undertaken to ensure that the standard of all lessons taught is at least good and that they provide stimulating learning for all pupils.

Attendance continues to be a priority for the school and although good progress is being made to increase attendance it is still not at a level that is acceptable. As you would expect student progress is directly linked to attendance. We need your help to ensure that your child attends school on a regular basis.

The residential provision continues to provide a good offering to the children and after an OFSTED inspection has been rated as "Good" again. An action plan is in place to further improve the provision before the next inspection.

In summary, there have been significant improvements in the quality of teaching in the school, pupil attendance has improved and the governance arrangements have been tightened and improved. There is still work to be done to embed these improvements and to make further improvements. Governors will be engaged in driving this forward.

Finally, governors would be delighted to hear from you and to answer any questions you may have.

OFSTED inspection of the provision for our residential pupils. The outcome of that inspection was that the provision was rated as "Good." Governors have since undertaken an audit to check that standards are being sustained and that there is work underway to improve it further. Governors were delighted to see the work that has already been undertaken and planned for the future. Governors will continue to monitor progress throughout this year. If you would like to help in any way to improve the school and ultimately the children in your care please let us know.

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Chair of Board of Governors

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