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Dear Parents and Carers,

As Chair of the School Governing Body, I wanted to inform you of the successful improvements the governors have been doing this year at Osborne Nursery School. This year collectively we have set new strategic objectives for the school and created a new vision and aims after consulting with yourselves and the staff. This has helped the school have a clear direction which will drive improvement and now the staff, families and local community are more aware of the ethos and vision of the school.

The governors who sit on the School Improvement Committee agreed the school improvement plan and identified priorities for the school which have been;

• To improve behaviour management and engagement of children at adult led times

• To close the gender gap in progress and attainment

• Expressive Arts and Design

• Raising the profile of governors

• Embedding the new leadership structure & school vision

Governors have been more visible around the school and attending more parent and children days in nursery. Also the named governors have monitored the tasks on the school improvement plan each time they have visited the school. Governors have seen that the behaviour management of the children has greatly improved this year and a greater degree of consistency is now seen between the staff. Learning time has been maximised and disruptions to learning reduced enabling better progress by children at adult led times. A greater use of drama, puppets and storytelling during adult led times has also led to better levels of engagement and learning by children.

Data shows that the gap between the genders has been reduced in most strands and closed in some.

We have had a governor who has been part of a steering group, with staff and parents, which has led the strategic direction for the Rights Respecting Schools Award and resulted achieving our Recognition of Commitment.

The Governor visits which have occurred more often in nursery this year have also been where we have ensured that policies are being followed in practice, for example we have ensured that the staff understand and are following the school’s safeguarding policy.

This year we have made sure Osborne has built partnerships within the local community by encouraging the Head to be more involved in the Birmingham Education Partnership and collaborate more with other settings for instance through the Erdington Consortium of Schools and the Birmingham Nursery Schools Trust.

This year we have had a summer fair which had an amazing turnout with so many of you there and raising an amazing £940. Doing this event we have also built better relationships with the local community e.g. with the local councillors, local MP, local churches and local shops and businesses.

This year we have had Angela Blacker join our nursery as Deputy Head who has been settling in well and is doing a great job in her new role. Also we have had a new parent governor join the Governing body, Lorena Czerniejewska. We have a governor vacancy so please if you are interested or know of somebody who may be interested please get them to contact the school.

I wish you all have a great summer break and would like to thank all the staff for their hard work throughout the year and hope they keep it up in helping us achieve our goals and help the Nursery to continually develop.

Kind Regards

Haleem Majahid

Chair of Governors