Dear Parents and Carers,

As Chair of the School Governors, I wanted to inform you of the work and successful improvements the governors have been doing this year at Osborne Nursery School. This year we have been able to successfully develop two year old provision and building work has been completed to enable children to move freely from outside to inside in Little Learners. This has helped children develop independence when using the toilets, washing hands, putting on coats and choosing where they want to play.

Governors have encouraged our Head to develop further partnership working with a range of partners such as:

• Birmingham Nursery Schools Trust

• Erdington Schools Collaboration

• Peer to Peer Group

• Local Food Bank

• Erdington Consortium

• Local M.P.

These have helped share best practice between settings and helped improve our practice by getting challenge from other settings and the safeguarding of families across settings has been ensured by sharing information.

Governors continue to review children’s progress through meetings and visits to the school and Ofsted found that precise and targeted questions asked by governors “ensure that school development priorities are directed in the right areas to improve outcomes for all children.” Governors continue to scrutinise data through Full Governing Body meetings and School Improvement Committee meetings and governor checks on specific curriculum and strategic areas.

Sharon has done a lot of work with Jack Dromey MP for Erdington and the Nursery Schools APPG to ensure additional funding from DFE for nursery schools across England is continued, if successful this will help to keep Osborne Nursery school financially secure post 2020.

All governors on the Staffing and Finance Committee have had relevant training to enable them to ensure the finances of the school are handled and monitored appropriately.

This year we have also become more flexible in nursery hours offered across the week and extended opening times until 4pm which has enabled some of you to accept 30 hour and 2.5 day places to fit in with your work schedules and so has helped to keep pupil numbers higher.

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

Kind Regards

Haleem Majahid

Chair of Governors