Dear Parents and Carers,

As Chair of the School Governors, I wanted to inform you of the issues and successful improvements the governors have been doing this year at Osborne Nursery School. This year the continued development of the two year old provision has been very successful and led to pupil numbers increasing across the school. Governors have agreed to increase staffing in Little Learners from September 2019 which will enable Osborne to offer more places in that room than previously.

The Head Teacher has been doing extremely well in partnership working with a range of partners such as Erdington Schools Collaboration, Birmingham Association of Maintained Nursery Schools, a Peer Review Group and many more which have helped the leadership team have a wider understanding of local issues and solutions and staff have been able to share resources and knowledge across the different settings. The Head Teacher has also been fighting tirelessly with Jack Dromey MP and other Nursery School Head Teachers in trying to secure additional funding for nursery schools from the DfE. Sharon, by supporting national and local funding events has helped secure additional funding until August 2020 allowing us to offer places for the whole of the academic year 2019-20.

Governors have been reviewing children’s progress through meetings, visits to school and scrutiny of data which has helped us put interventions in place at an early stage. Parenting courses and Play and Learn Days have taken place throughout the year which we hope have helped you support your child’s learning at home.

The Health for Life in Nursery Schools bid helped us gain additional funding for physical development across the school which meant more children are being active in school through the additional physical activities that have been able to be resourced through the bid. We know many of your children have enjoyed borrowing the balance bikes and this scheme will be further developed next year.

The governors have supported investment in the nursery building and ensure we get the best value for work to be done. During the summer holidays we will be remodelling the school office environment to improve the safeguarding in the reception area and to make it easier for staff to see who is waiting at the front door.

We currently have governor vacancies (one for a parent governor and one for a co-opted governor who does not need to be a parent) so please if you are interested or know of somebody who may be interested get them to contact the school.

I wish you all 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