

River View

Primary School



Report to Parents from the Governing Board | 2023



Governor Parent Report 22/23

This is the second annual report to parents and we hope you find it helpful. In this report we will cover a number of areas where we want to celebrate the work of the school over the last 12 months as well as highlighting our plans for further improvement.

Results

Last year's results were not officially published due to government guidelines for all schools as they came out of the pandemic. We were very pleased with the results and you can see a summary on the website. It was great to see that our outgoing **year 6 results were above average** when compared to national results. This was also the case with our year 4 multiplication tables check. It is very important that our children learn these basic skills as it supports their progress in many areas, not just in school but throughout their lives.

Last year, we asked the school to prioritise improvements in reading and we saw this in better phonics results and generally improved reading across the school. Thanks to all our parents for the work that you do to make reading a priority for your children. We believe that it is the key that unlocks the whole curriculum.





Curriculum

This brings us to the curriculum. At River View we have designed a curriculum that is matched to the needs of our school and the children. It draws on the local area to support children's learning with trips to study the River Irwell and its impressive flood defences as well as an opportunity to visit local religious buildings to build up a deep understanding of our local area. As governors, we track the progress of children across all subjects and we are pleased to report that this continues to be an improving picture. Each subject has a designated teacher to lead the development of that subject and this includes reporting to governors at the end of each block of learning. We can see the strengths and ensure that the school has a plan in place when areas need further development.

Work hard,
show respect &
be a good citizen



Training

One of our priorities this year has been training for teachers to develop the school's curriculum and to support teachers to deliver the best lessons. We have asked the school to use a blend of experts from outside the school to train the subject leaders and expertise from across the staff to train the teachers and teaching assistants. As governors, we monitor the impact of that training and ensure that this results in all children learning the curriculum. A few years ago we introduced a series of low stakes quizzes to check that children have remembered what they have been taught and we monitor this every six weeks. We are really pleased with improvements and the reports that we read from the subject leaders and the head teacher show that your children are learning a wide range of carefully thought out facts, concepts and skills to support them in the subjects that they will study at high school.



Improvements

We meet with the Head Teacher every half term and this allows us to track improvements and to set priorities for development. This year we have asked the school to focus on securing the best training for staff, support for children with special educational needs or disabilities and to help children catch up when they fall behind with their reading. We also receive regular updates on attendance as this has been a concern for us after the disruption of recent years. Some families have not yet fully got back into the routines of good attendance and punctuality but we are pleased to report that our figures are above the Salford average. One area of concern is holidays in term time. We don't authorise these holidays as they have a heavy impact on children's progress in their school work.





New Website

We have recently launched our new website and would encourage all parents to visit to read about the curriculum that is on offer for their children. For each subject you can see the yearly overview, our approach to SEND, the end points for each block of learning and a very useful sheet that summarises all the key information. You could use these materials to check for yourself that your child is keeping up with their learning or to support your child with what's coming next. A good example of this is the Spanish curriculum that our children learn from Year 3. Why not help your child by noting all the words that they are going to learn this year and support your child to learn them? Or you could look at the next unit of History coming up and talk through the key facts and dates using the knowledge organiser on the website. All the subjects are included as well as videos that showcase the school.



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Our Vision for the school

One of our main jobs as governors is to set the vision and values of the school and this can best be summed up by our school motto, 'Be Your Best Self.' We ask children to work hard, show respect and to be a good citizen and there are many lessons each week where teachers support this. Children learn to have respect for the school building, their uniform and the routines of the day. Teachers teach children about online safety, healthy relationships and how to be a good friend. The school council works behind the scenes to make the school a better place, recently addressing some of the parking problems by appealing to parents to show respect to our neighbours.







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