

Governance Statement 2020/21

The Full Governing Board at Park Lane School is made up of a group of volunteers of parents, staff and members of the Community.

During 2020/21, we sadly said goodbye to two long standing governors, Huw and Sue Edwards, who have both supported the School for many years, both as parents and Governors. Both have been instrumental in taking the School forward and on behalf of the School, we would like to wish them both well in their “retirement”. We have also welcomed Co-opted Governor, Richard Davies who is Principal of the 6th Form at King’s School, Macclesfield with previous experience in both mainstream and free schools as well as the independent sector, which has been extremely helpful as we recover from the disappointing Ofsted inspection in 2019/20 and work towards rebuilding, improving and validating the exceptional education that I believe we provide at Park Lane School.

As a School, we have appointed a new SIP (School Improvement Partner), Gill Robinson, who has been not only looking at the education and the curriculum at Park Lane School but has been working with Lorraine and the SLT (Senior Leadership Team) as well as Subject Leaders. Her hard work has been invaluable and I am pleased to say that as Governors, we have seen a marked difference in staff and the confidence in which they speak articulately about their subjects, what they have achieved and their goals.

The expansion plans for Park Lane School are slowly progressing and delays unfortunately have been outside of our control, we are very much hoping that we will be able to move our 6th Form, Treacle and Barnaby Class into the new facility in January 2022. Thanks to Chris Milne, Vice Chair of Governors, for overseeing the project. His knowledge and expertise as a Chartered Surveyor has been invaluable in pushing this forward.

The pandemic has continued to play its part in the education during the last academic year and as a Governing Body, we are extremely grateful and thankful to all the staff at Park Lane for their hard work

and diligence in trying to provide as normal curriculum as possible, even though there have been limitations imposed on them through Government guidelines and use of facilities, as well as supporting those vulnerable pupils still at home.

Finally, we would like to thank Lorraine and her SLT, Emma Shaw, Andree Barnard and Katy Wadsworth, who work tirelessly for the School to be at the forefront of Special Educational Needs and to make Park Lane School the best it can possibly be for our pupils.

Thanks must also go to my fellow governors, who give up their time, experience and expertise voluntarily to the School, your support is gratefully appreciated.

On behalf of Park Lane School Governing Board

Tandy Palmes
Chair of Governors

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