



Autumn 2023

Looking Ahead to Spring Term 2024

The Governing Body at Poverest Primary School would like to thank all children, staff and parents for their hard work and effort during the Autumn Term.

Our Governing Body Team has a wide array of expertise from Education, Finance, Architecture, Human Resource Matters, Law and Theatre, and can offer both support and constructive advice when necessary to the school.

The Work of the Governing Body

An important aspect of Governance is to ensure we see first-hand the decisions being made by the school leaders and the positive impact they are having on School Development.

Our role is primarily strategic we are not involved in the day to day running of the school and work in many areas to try and improve standards.

Together with the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team we set the budget, oversee the curriculum and encourage positive links between school and community.

We also meet with both the Leadership Team and other staff in committees such as Full Governing Body; Resources and Behaviour for Learning. A vital aspect of these committees is to challenge the school regarding its finances, data outcomes and in particular, teaching and learning.

During the Autumn Term we have made many school visits, linked to the following areas; Safeguarding; SEND; Health and Safety of the school; Teaching and Learning including EYFS provision; Digital Technology, Human Resources and the More Able Children Governor Research Programme.

Some Governors also have undertaken Learning Walks and Book Looks, as well as meeting subject leaders. All Governors report back to the Governing Body and Leadership Team regarding their findings.

Finally, Michael Parker is the named representative for the Governing Body who attends Parents Forum and Sue Tysall meets the School Improvement Team regularly, this team comprises of outside stakeholders who challenge our school.

Governors seek to attend as many school events as possible, including EYFS- Open Morning, Summer Fete / Christmas Fair, and School Performances. We are very grateful for the active support provided by all members of Friends of Poverest.

AFACT

We have been impressed with the collaboration between our **AFACT Schools** and their Headteachers. They meet fortnightly together to support the further development of our trust.

We look forward to working more closely with our AFACT partners during the Spring term. We will be getting together with the other Governing Bodies to share ideas and learn from each other, completing some joint training, working to embed **collaborative values** across all Governing Bodies and Schools as a team.

Spring Term

This term we intend to meet the School Council to discuss "what makes Poverest special to them and what we can do to improve it"

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We would also be interested in your views of how we can improve Poverest even further. You may have noticed that our outdoor MUGA area is now floodlit, extending teaching and learning opportunities. There is also the potential for wider community benefits.

Our school leaders

As Governors, it has been fantastic to see Mr Haylock flourish in his new role with him being supported by Mrs Wilson (Deputy Head) and the schools new extended leadership team. As well as running the school day-to-day, all the leadership team have been working on developing areas of our school curriculum with subject leaders, ensuring that high academic standards are raised further. We are working together to promote "Sustainability" both within the current curriculum, and also through extension initiatives. It is encouraging to see everyone working so well together and to hear how passionate and ambitious everyone is.

As a Governing Body we particularly welcome the weekly newsletter that My Haylock has reinstated. So much goes on within Poverest to enrich the education of all our children, and along with DOJO, it is rewarding to celebrate success, whilst at the same time ensuring effective communication.

Punctuality/Attendance Our school's aim is to achieve 97% attendance and punctuality for all children. As Governors, we remain resolute in working with the school to achieve this. We encourage parents and carers to work in partnership with us, to ensure that our children attend, are punctual, and as a consequence, learn consistently.

Parking Governors continue to closely monitor the parking situation outside our school gates. We advise and strongly encourage parents/carers to comply with parking regulations, for the safety of all our children and local community. We also encourage our children to walk to school, thus supporting environmental sustainability. Remember, we are role models for our children.

Muga As mentioned, this wonderful facility, allows for extended curriculum opportunities. We are also investigating wider community use, for local five aside football, netball and basketball teams, to name a few. Perhaps you would like to get involved in such activities?

Getting in Touch

Parents/carers and staff are welcome to contact the Governing Body directly.

Letters to the Governing Body should be addressed to the Chair and delivered to the school office.

Alternatively, please email stysall@poverest.co.uk and address your correspondence for the attention of the Governing Body.

The Governing Body of Poverest School