



Update from the Governing Board

23.10.25

We held the first full meeting of the Governing Board for the 2025-26 school year on Wednesday 15th October. With a packed agenda there was a lot to discuss. Minutes of the previous Safeguarding and Standards committee meetings were shared and discussed; safeguarding has the highest priority and we are happy that it remains very well managed by Mrs Hammond and the school team. The Headteacher's Report to Governors covered pupil numbers, SEND, attendance, staffing, staff development, curriculum visits and events, and the School Development Plan for the coming year. We also discussed our role within the Dovestone Learning Partnership and the opportunities it offers our children.

Miss Kay presented a very comprehensive report on SEND at Friezland, including staff development, pupil provision and priorities for the coming year. The Governors are very pleased with her management of the SENCo role and the excellent relationships she has developed with the parents of children with additional needs.

The school budget position has improved slightly as we have more pupils in school this year, but it remains an area of concern, as in most schools. Finally, we had an update on the Local Authority priorities for the coming year and an overview of Key Stage results across Oldham, from Year 1 Phonics tests to A level results.

All Governors are listed on the school website and we are all more than happy to talk to parents if anyone wants to raise questions or concerns.

We wish all our families a happy and healthy half-term.

Jane Goodwin

Chair of Governors