

Governor Annual Report - 2016

The Governors of the Nar Valley Federation of Church Schools feel very strongly that we have made the following impact over the last year.

Through the appointment of high quality senior leaders we have seen there has been a rise in teaching standards across the Federation, also strong subject leaders have been appointed in every school and are starting to impact on practice in their subject areas.

Another impact of these appointments is that the quality of the learning environment is much improved and more focused on children's learning.

Where there have been bigger issues the Governing body have focused resources and reacted quickly, worked with the leadership team to ensure that workable and effective solutions have been put in place and continues to be monitored. As a result the more challenging situations have been resolved.

We believe we have held the senior leadership to account by challenging questions and high expectations of school improvement and development.

Impact of committees

The Resources committee

This committee is charged with ensuring that all financial procedures are followed, setting and approving the Federation budget and reviewing its progress. They are also responsible for ensuring Safeguarding Guidelines are assiduously followed throughout the Federation to ensure the safety of all our pupils and staff. We work closely with DNEAT on all financial matters. This committee meets twice a term and reports back to the full governing body at every meeting.

Impact:

As a committee they have ensured that the budget is always carefully managed and has never exceeded the limits. They have closely managed school spending to ensure the best value for money and use of resources. The committee constantly monitors the Federation's Safeguarding and takes appropriate and swift action where needed.

The Standards Committee

Twice every half-term the Standards committee meet with senior leaders to discuss the progress against the Single Change Plan (School Development Plan). Governors challenge the school staff to ensure that actions are taken to improve standards for every pupil. They monitor the progress of all pupils including the vulnerable groups (Pupil Premium and SEND). They have regular updates on the Federation curriculum and ensure that monitoring cycle is robustly and effectively carried out.

Impact:

Through the monitoring cycle we ensure future developments are targeted to ensure greater impact, for example book scrutinies and the marking policy have ensured all staff are now following the schools expectations. As a result of regular monitoring it is evident that the quality of teaching has greatly improved, the children are now experiencing a much wider curriculum and a higher percentage of children are now making at least expected progress.

The Governing body is dedicated to delivering better outcomes and experiences for all our children, and strive to uphold the Christian Church school values which is clearly evident from our recent Siam inspections.