



19 June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Volunteers,

The full Governing Board met on 05 June 2023 and the minutes from our meeting of 24 April were approved. You can now view them on the school websites.

Statutory Assessment Tests and Checks

During our latest meeting, governors discussed the statutory assessment tests (SATs) for Year 6 children and were delighted to hear how our pupils at both schools had worked really well and completed the tests with confidence. Governors attended the schools before and during the SATs week to monitor that the tests were stored and administered according to the statutory regulations. We also reported on the excellent behaviour of the children. Governors thanked all colleagues in both schools who had worked so hard to support our children, and we really hope all of the children are as proud of themselves as we are. Well done to them all for doing their best and to our parents and carers for their ongoing support.

Attendance

Governors also looked at the attendance data for both schools. This shows us how much schooling our children are missing and the reasons for absences. Our attendance is currently above national levels in both schools which is really positive:

95.17% at JHS 95.25 at TPS (92.6% National data to 19 May 2023 from DfE source)

While this is positive, our overall attendance in both schools has dropped since pre-COVID-19 levels. Children need to be in school to achieve their best and we ask for your support to get our attendance levels back to pre-COVID levels of 97% or higher. Your help to work with the schools to achieve this is appreciated. Thank you.

This table may help to explain the number of days of lessons missed at different attendance levels. As you can see, missing 10 days a year over the seven years of primary school would be equivalent to missing 14 weeks of school.

Absence Attendance Level

0 days off 100% Good Attendance

2 days off in a school year 99%

5 days off in a school year 97%

10 days off in a school year 95% Slight Concern

20 days off in a school year 90% Serious Concern

30 Days off in a school year 85%

If you have any special concerns about your child's attendance, please contact their class teacher.

Curriculum Updates

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Governors heard about the new Cornerstones curriculum framework for Tetsworth. All teachers have now been trained in this framework and were excited to get started on their new topic areas. Alongside this, the Maths and English curricula have also been reviewed and sequenced across the school to match the vertically grouped class structure (where each class has two year groups). Governors want to thank all the staff for their hard work. They look forward to seeing the impact of this new curriculum on the learning and experiences of all of our Tetsworth children.

We were also delighted to hear that John Hampden had been successful in achieving the Primary Science Quality Mark. This was the result of 2 years' hard work and is recognition of the excellent science provision we offer at the school. Thank you and well done to all those involved in achieving this fantastic award.

Thank you to those parents and carers who have contacted me or any of the other governors; who have completed a Pulse survey or have shared their views about Tetsworth to inform our vision work. Your involvement means that we can work together to ensure our two schools are fantastic places for your children to learn, grow and develop to their full potential. As always, you can contact me via the school offices or by email: jhtgovernors@gmail.com.

With all good wishes,

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