

Annual governance statement for the St Erme with Trispen school

September 2023

Here is review of the governing board for the 2022/23 academic year

Governor vacancies

In September 2022 we agreed to increased the size of the governing board from 10 to 13. This was an ambitions plan, particularly as we started the school year with 4 vacancies. During the year we were able to recruit to 3 of these vacancies. We currently have a 4th person who is awaiting GB approval. We know that we have a another governor standing down in October 2023 and there is another potential governor that could take this vacancy, following GB approval. This is great news, particularly as many schools are struggling to recruit governors.

New classroom

In January 2023 the new classroom was opened. This followed a term of disruption for the pupils and staff. It was so great to see the completed new class room. This is a much better environment for teaching and learning. It also frees up the space for meetings and intervention work.

School improvements

As well as having to work around the new classroom, there has been disruption while the kitchen has been improved. This was quickly followed by the new fencing, which now gives the school much more safety for our children.

School camps

The effort and commitment from all staff involved, including those who kept the ship running back at school is always recognised. These camps are a great opportunity to develop independence and confidence for those children who attend. This would not be possible if it was not for the staff who gave up their personal time to make this possible.

Curriculum enrichment week

We do understand that school camps are not possible for all children and therefore we welcomed the first school curriculum enrichment week. This has allowed all children the opportunity to explore new experiences. We look forward to this becoming a regular feature of the school year.

Senior leadership team

We said goodbye to Richard, who took on the challenge of his first headship and then welcomed Jamie to the role of deputy head. With Jamie starting and Laura returning as our SENCO it was a good time for the senior leadership team to be pulled together. This team will ensure that the school improvement plan is progressed back to work it was