

IEB Governance Update to West Hill Primary School parents and staff

January 2025

This is the third of the regular updates that we committed to provide as an IEB to parents and staff of West Hill Primary School.

We have met as an IEB twice this month, and our agendas have included the approval of policies, as well as a detailed scrutiny and discussion of school progress and pastoral information with the Headteacher.

The school has had two recent local authority reviews – one focussing on Safeguarding and this was deemed to be compliant against all of the areas assessed as part of the review.

The second was on Data Protection Compliance, where all 7 areas were either high or reasonable compliance (and none were limited or very limited).

Neither review identified any significant concerns or shortcomings, within the scope of each review, which I hope reassures us all. As with all reviews, there are always aspects that are identified for improvement and the school is currently focussing on the recommended improvements.

Looking forward, we are commencing the budget-setting process. There are many variables at play on the national landscape, but we are already being told to be 'conservative' in our projections on income. We will report further as more is known and we receive the final recommended budget for approval from the school.

There has been continued work in the background, between IEB members and school staff. We are also pleased that Fort Federation continues to provide some additional capacity to the school in the area of SEN and in clerking services.

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