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Governors' Impact Statement Academic Year 2015-16

During the year the Governors have taken an active interest and involvement in our school. As part of our role and responsibilities as Governors we have done many different things and taken part in lots of activities to increase our understanding and to make a positive impact on our schools well-being and progress.

Once a term, we have a full Governors meeting to receive and discuss information data analysis and reports on every aspect of the school's performance. We also have presentations on areas of specific interest and focus which this year have included:

- attendance;
- assessment;
- monitoring and marking in reading, writing and maths;
- getting to grips with Raise on-line (which is the Governments information about our schools performance and the pupils progress);
- and introduction to the updated school website (which I am sure you will agree is much more attractive and accessible).

In addition, the Governors have attended a PREVENT training session and an Effective Governance session.

Each term there is also a meeting of the Governing body's two main sub-committees, the Welfare and Standards Group and the Finance and Human Resources Group, as well as occasional meetings of the Policy Committee, the Pay Review Panel, the Recruitment Panel and the Headteachers Appraisal panel. These meetings keep the Governors well informed and up to date with what is happening in school and they provide the opportunity for us to challenge and ask questions as well as offering our support.

The Governors are pleased to be invited into school on a regular basis to do learning walks and book scrutinies and to share in lessons with the children. This year we particularly enjoyed joining several different classes for their 'Voices Foundation' sessions. Both staff and pupils were keen and enthusiastic and they clearly enjoyed their singing. Later in the year we were delighted to see how their efforts had paid off when we joined many parents at the wonderful 'Voices Celebration' where the standard was amazing. Other highlights have been when we shared tea and toast at the Breakfast Club, meeting with our dedicated School Council to hear about their plans and projects, joining the fun on Sports Relief Day and trying to get near to the Chocolate Tombola at the Winter Fayre!

On a practical level, the Governors have been pleased to sanction and support various changes to the fabric of the building and improvements to the outside space. Thankfully, the issues surrounding the car park have finally been resolved but we would remind everyone of the need for care and consideration when using this facility – our children's wellbeing is paramount to us all. On a lighter note, the installation of the wooden ship has proved to be a big hit with the pupils and further adds to their opportunities for play and enjoyment of the outdoors.

During the year the Governors have enjoyed the opportunities to meet many of the parents, especially at the class teacher/parents evenings. The parental questionnaire which we conduct on these occasions is always an informative and useful exercise and we greatly value the contribution which the parents make.

At our last Ofsted Inspection, Haslam Park Primary School was judged to be "a good school" and it is up to us all, headteacher, staff, pupils, parents and Governors, to play our part in ensuring that we maintain, and indeed, improve our high standards. After all, the Haslam Park Primary School Vision Statement says 'Together we explore, learn and grow' – long may we continue to do so!