Thursday 9th October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers and Staff,

The Governors would like to welcome all the families and staff of Sunningwell back into the new school year. The first term is always very busy for the children, staff and parents, with settling into new classes and learning new routines. It was a musical return, with the Abingdon Music Flood providing an enriching celebration of music, alongside which, many of the children have begun learning to play various instruments.

On our school website you will find a link to the Governors page where you can find out a bit about who we are. Although you may not see us day-to-day, we work closely with the school to ensure the children of Sunningwell thrive, and have an inclusive and aspirational learning experience that nurtures, inspires and achieves: as per our school vision. We support the values of: Perseverance, Kindness, Forgiveness, Trust, and TOBY and enjoy seeing these being demonstrated when we visit the children.

We meet as a board and within smaller focused committees, we visit school to monitor learning, oversee finances and spending, look at children's work and progress data, and work as a team to plan the strategic direction of the school. We also gather pupil, parent and staff views and use this to inform our work. Your voice and views are valued; it is known that increased parental engagement with school is one of the most effective ways to improve outcomes for pupils. We have parent, pupil, and staff questionnaires planned throughout the year,and appreciate your insight.

We look forward to continuing our work and collaborating with you further within this new school year.

Yours faithfully,

The Sunningwell Governing Board