

Governors' Annual Statement of Impact – Autumn Term 2018

The start of the last academic year saw considerable changes to the membership of our Governing Board, with many long serving members coming to the end of their term of office and being replaced by new recruits. Our new governors have brought with them a wide range of professional skills and expertise and I am grateful for their tremendous support and a willingness to 'hit the ground running' during my first year as Chair.

To carry out our core functions in ensuring that students are experiencing a high standard of education, we rely on the Executive Headteacher, the Headteachers of our two Middle Schools and senior leaders across the Federation to provide us with the information and data we need. This enables us to ask the right questions and then test the answers against other information which we find out from, for example, our visits into school, our discussions with staff and students and feedback from parent and pupil surveys.

All three of the schools that make up the Codsall High Federation have been inspected by Ofsted during the last 16 months. All three schools were judged to be GOOD. Ofsted's judgement about the leadership of a school includes the effectiveness of governance. In all cases it was recognised that there is an ethos of mutual accountability between senior leaders and governors which enables an appropriate balance of professional challenge and support. It was acknowledged that governors know the schools well and that there is a commitment to asking challenging questions. Ofsted's judgments about leadership drew on meetings with governors during the inspections, minutes of governors' meetings and notes made following governors' visits into school.

These GOOD Ofsted inspections were followed by impressive, statutory test and examination outcomes in all three schools at the end of the academic year. At the time of writing, these results have not yet been published, but we are confident that the Department for Education's Performance Tables will show attainment and/or progress measures that compare favourably to other schools, both nationally and locally.

Needless to say, the Governing Board are very proud of the achievements of all three schools within the Federation and we feel privileged to be associated with their staff and students.

Andrea Dawson
Chair of Governors
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