

Berridge Primary School Governor Impact Statement 2025–2026

The Governing Board works with school leaders to help make sure that every child at Berridge Primary School is safe, happy and able to achieve their best. We do this by asking questions, monitoring school performance and making important decisions about the future of the school

Supporting School Leadership

This year, governors played an important role in appointing a new Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher. We took part in the recruitment process and helped make sure the school has strong leaders to guide it into the future.

Governors also supported the smooth transition between leadership teams to ensure that pupils, staff and families continue to feel supported.

Helping Pupils Succeed

Throughout the year, governors have regularly reviewed information about pupils' learning, progress and attendance. We have asked questions about how well different groups of pupils are doing and what support is in place for those who need extra help.

We have focused particularly on:

- Reading and phonics.
- Early Years learning and school readiness.
- Attendance.
- Support for pupils with SEND.
- Behaviour and inclusion.

Governors have been pleased to see improvements in phonics, continued curriculum development and extra support for children with additional needs.

Promoting Inclusion and Wellbeing

We want every child to feel welcome, valued and supported at Berridge. Governors have monitored the school's work with children who have special educational needs and disabilities and followed the progress of new inclusion projects, including the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS).

Governors have also reviewed information about pupil wellbeing, behaviour and staff wellbeing to help make sure the school remains a positive place to learn and work.

Keeping Children Safe

Safeguarding is our most important responsibility.

This year governors have:

- Reviewed safeguarding reports and audits.
- Completed safeguarding training.
- Carried out safeguarding monitoring visits.
- Checked that safeguarding systems and procedures are working well.
- Made sure staff receive regular safeguarding training.

We are confident that safeguarding continues to be a strong priority across the school.

Managing School Finances

Schools across the country are facing financial challenges, and Berridge is no exception. Governors have carefully reviewed budgets and long-term financial plans to make sure money is spent wisely and continues to benefit pupils

We have monitored the impact of rising costs, falling pupil numbers and changes to school funding. Our aim is to ensure that pupils continue to receive a high-quality education while keeping the school financially secure.

Listening to Parents and Carers

Governors know how important it is to work closely with families. We have supported opportunities for parents and carers to share their views and access support through:

- Parent and carer workshops.
- SEND coffee mornings.
- Parent forums.
- Transition activities for new Reception families.
- Community partnerships.

We are pleased that feedback shows parents and carers value the support and communication provided by the school.

Developing the Governing Board

Governors have continued to attend training, visit the school and meet with staff to improve our understanding of school life. This helps us provide both support and challenge to school leaders.

We are always keen to welcome more parents to join us on the Governing Board – please get in touch if you're curious.

Looking Ahead

Next year, governors will continue to focus on:

- Improving attendance.
- Raising outcomes in Early Years and phonics.
- Supporting pupils with SEND.
- Maintaining strong safeguarding practices.
- Managing financial pressures.
- Ensuring the school remains a welcoming and inclusive place for all children.

The Governing Board would like to thank all pupils, staff, parents and carers for their support throughout the year. Together, we will continue working to make Berridge Primary School the very best it can be.