



# Governing body update

November 2019

We think it is very important that you know and understand as much as possible about our work as a Governing Body. This summary will be published every month to give you an overview of the things that we are considering at our meetings and what our current priorities are.

Summary of our main agenda items:		Insight into our current priorities:	
<b>Governance</b>	The FGB considered nominations for Vice-Chair of Governors and elected Mr John Grace to take up the position.	The new <b>Articles of Association</b> for the BCS are being finalised and should be approved shortly after the election. These changes will include the introduction of a new Members Group, who as part of their role will be responsible for the appointment of new Governors.	We continue to discuss and prepare for <b>MAT</b> , but with a period of purdah during the election campaign, contact with the Regional Education Commissioners has had to be put back to December. We look forward to continuing discussions as soon after the election as possible.
<b>ICT</b>	The FGB agreed to a series of ambitious proposals presented by senior leaders to deliver new ICT facilities throughout the school. As part of the proposals were a series of options to fund the project and discussions continue with relevant bodies to put the necessary funding in place. Governors were briefed on the extensive tendering process that will follow.	The work leading up to the <b>recruitment of a new Head Teacher</b> continues as scheduled with the aim to recruit, select and appoint to the role by in early spring.	We continue to explore ways of <b>recruiting more governors</b> including parents and school representatives in readiness for the approval of our new Articles of Association.
		All members of staff recently considered the positive findings of the <b>workforce survey</b> undertaken in September. As part of our planning for further development and improvement, this will be followed up with a workshop to explore and gather everybody's ideas about how the school can move from strength to strength.	
<p>If you would like to find out more about any of these items or if you have any questions you would like to ask the governing body, please email us through:  <a href="mailto:parentquestions@bluecoatschool.org.uk" style="color: white;">parentquestions@bluecoatschool.org.uk</a></p>			