



# Headlines

**The Governing Body of WYTON ON THE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL met on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 18:00 for 2 hours 10 minutes. The meeting was held at the school and below is a note of the key points to emerge from that meeting.**

1. **The Head teacher** reported that this term that staff development remains a priority, with a focus on two key areas of the School Development Plan: the use of Provision Map for SEND pupils and implementing the revised curriculum for mixed-age classes.

With the SENCo's retirement and budget constraints, SEND responsibilities have been shared between the Head and Deputy. To streamline processes, APDRs are now reserved for pupils undergoing or likely to undergo statutory assessment or specialist referrals, allowing staff to focus on inclusive teaching. Case study pupils are monitored through learning walks, book scrutiny, and pupil voice activities, with positive early findings on behaviour, inclusion, and engagement. Curriculum development prioritises strong subject leadership, supported by CPD and a new handbook.

Financial difficulties have led to restructuring and redundancies, impacting staff morale. To address well-being concerns, SLT and governors prioritised direct engagement over a survey. Staff voice activities focused on curriculum organisation, the Provision Map, and parents' evenings. Feedback has been positive, leading to curriculum adjustments and a streamlined APDR process. Parents' evenings will now be held in Autumn and Spring, with summer term consultations via email. Scheduling improvements include a 'first come, first served' system and better sibling appointment spacing. Further discussions on staff well-being and younger siblings at meetings are planned, ensuring continued support and high standards.

2. **The Quality of Education** sub-committee reported that the most recent meeting centred on SEND and the provision provided by the school. A monitoring visit has been arranged.

3. **The Effectiveness of Leadership and Management** sub-committee had again discussed alternative provision and a proposal from a new company looks very promising. A representative from the company was invited to present to the full governing body and the Board voted unanimously to proceed with the arrangement.

The financial situation was discussed and the Board heard from the School Business Manager that the forecast end of year position will be far more positive than had been anticipated at the start of the year although with another reduction in funding due to a fall in roll, 2025/26 will again be very challenging.

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