



## Headlines

**The Governing Body of WYTON ON THE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL met on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 18:00 for 2 hours 15 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** presented a detailed written report to governors and explained that attendance is at 95.4% with the target being 97% which is broadly consistent with last year and the LA. One family have an attendance agreement and were given a target of 90% attendance over a 10-week period however they are already falling short so this is going to be passed on to the LA.

The rules for Pre-School children have changed and parents are now called if the school has not been notified of the reason for an absence which has been accepted well by parents.

A scheduled safeguarding audit was undertaken by the LA and although there were a few recommendations, no urgent actions were required.

There has been a significant amount of work centred around subject leadership involving the new Ofsted framework which has been supported by the school improvement advisor. All teachers have a target of ensuring that coverage is right for all children within their curriculum area.

An LA pre-school audit was very positive with the only recommendation to consider the financial sustainability due to the low numbers this year.

The question was asked by a governor about the hours allocated to SEND and if they are sufficient. The Head explaining this was not the case, it is a shortage of funds as the school is having to provide staff to work with SEND children but are not being funded for this work. This includes a couple of children who have arrived from overseas with an EHCP in place.

2. The **School Business Manager** talked the board through the school's latest financial position. The school is heading for an end of year deficit of around £43,000, due mainly to the need to employ a fifth teacher and provide SEND support to children new to the school or who are not yet being funded.

Most areas of the budget are on track but one area of concern is the school meals provision which could result in a deficit of approximately £17,000. The school's financial advisor confirmed that the school was doing everything possible to keep costs down in all areas and she could not offer any new advice which may help to reduce the deficit.

*The approved Minutes of each Governing Body meeting can be accessed by a request to the Chair via the School Business Manager who is clerk to the Board. Details of membership and attendance at meetings as well as all key governance documents can be found on the governors' page of the school website.*