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Dear Ms Jones and Ms Davies,

I would like to thank you and your Governors for taking part in our Governance Audit Review on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. I am writing to inform you of our findings and to share with you some suggestions which may improve your governance strategy further.

The governance of West Park Primary School has been rated as **GREEN**. This indicates that all essential and recommended practices are in place along with some of the additional strategies to enhance Governance further.

**Strengths of Governance include:**

- The Governing Board understand their roles and responsibilities; Governors complete an annual skills audit, and have recently updated this to reflect changes within the Governing Board.
- Governors gather the views of stakeholders, act upon feedback given and report back; one of the Governors is also a parent ambassador so is able to report back to Governors from this role. The Governing Board has a Twitter account with several followers, which provides an instant link between Governors and stakeholders, and are involved in the communication which takes place via the newsletter and notice board. Governors have strong community links; the school is used for many community groups and classes.
- The Governing Board clearly link their priorities, decisions and actions to the School Improvement Plan; evidence of actions and decisions that are directly linked to the school improvement plan can be found in the minutes of meetings.

**Summary: GREEN**

**To enhance Governance further it is recommended that:**

- Governors are able to identify, evaluate and prioritise organisational risks and ensure action is taken to mitigate against them; however could consider consolidating this information in a centralised place.
- The Governing Board take part in regular training which is reported back to the board, however Governors could consider having the impact of training as a standing item on the agenda.

Kind regards,



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