

## **Assets Committee Impact statement 2019/20**

During this year we have, of course, had to operate within the Government Covid regulations and DfE guidance so have adapted our way to working to focus our agenda and operate remotely. It is worth saying that the Committee have responded well to these new ways of working and have still had a considerable impact on the performance, financial integrity, physical environment and safety of our school.

Specific areas of impact during this time include:

- A much stronger scrutiny of the school budget and greater knowledge of the financial drivers by the committee members. This has also resulted in a greater exploration of potential sources of funding and the ability to maintain a very well managed budget without going into deficit despite operating through very challenging times.
- Managing the budget well also allowed the school to continue to fund our highly successful Breakfast Club up to the Covid lockdown. This is a highly valued service that enriches many of our children's lives.
- The annual SFVS process is closely scrutinised by this committee which provides another reassurance regarding the financial governance of the school.
- The health and safety record at the school continues to be very strong. Our H&S Governor has played an active role in reviewing how our school building operates and this has resulted in a number of improvements. The committee also carefully scrutinised the school risk assessment for the re-opening post the Covid lockdown/reduced numbers. This has resulted in a very successful re-opening with only minor continuous improvements being made to the established protocols. We also played an active role in influencing the handling of an asbestos problem that was discovered in the school grounds. This has been successfully dealt with and particular care taken over parental communication.